

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways  
And Means.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/02, 04/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Makes legislative findings regarding mining. Requires Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to study increasing local revenues from mining operations. Requires DOGAMI to present report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Unrealized mineral wealth of Oregon
- Economic potential of bringing new mining operations into the state
- Perception that Oregon is a difficult state in which to gain mining permits
- Resource inventory and mapping as tools to attract mining interests

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Directs Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to conduct study of mineral resource potential of all geographic areas except Willamette Valley and report to interim legislative committees on or before September 15, 2016. Directs DOGAMI to post report on agency website. Deletes requirement for study on increasing local revenues from mining operations.

**BACKGROUND:**

Throughout Oregon's history, a wide variety of minerals have been produced from many locations. Because of its mineral endowment and varied geology, mining companies still look at Oregon as a place to explore for and develop mineral deposits.

House Bill 3089 A directs DOGAMI to study increasing local revenues from mining operations and to report back to the Legislative Assembly.