

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 644 - A**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Nick Herrera
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Date:**Measure Description:**

Makes various changes to laws relating to mining and mineral resources.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Agriculture, Counties

Summary of Expenditure Impact: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$362,575	\$135,504
Total Funds	\$362,575	\$135,504
Positions	3	3
FTE	1.75	0.75

Analysis:

SB 644-A exempts certain land use permits under ORS 215.283(2)(b) for mining or excavation preparatory to mining of a significant mineral resource from the provisions of ORS 215.296 or any statewide land use planning goal or any administrative rule relating to land use; if the land is located in Baker County, Grant County, Harney County, Lake County, Malheur County, Union County, or Wallowa County. Directs the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to activate a project coordinating committee upon receipt of an application for an operating permit to mine a significant mineral resource site, and directs DOGAMI to make accessible online all data and research on the mineral resource potential of eastern and southern Oregon counties that is available to the department.

DOGAMI has indicated that in order to fulfill the provisions of Section 19 of the bill, it will need to hire three limited duration positions for the 2017-19 biennium; a Natural Resource Specialist 4 (0.75 FTE), a Natural Resource Specialist 3 (0.75 FTE), and a university student (0.25 FTE). These positions will be responsible for gathering and organizing legacy data and updating the Department's existing databases to make the information available online. Personal Services costs in the 2017-19 biennium are estimated to be \$313,125. Associated Services and Supplies costs for these three positions are estimated to be \$49,450. These positions will continue into the 2019-21 biennium, totaling 0.75 FTE. Personal Services costs in the 2019-21 biennium are estimated to be \$123,141. Associated Services and Supplies costs for the 2019-21 biennium are estimated to be \$12,363.

The bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on Counties, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.