



# Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

## Budget Note Summary and Response

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# Mission of DOGAMI

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) mission is to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.

DOGAMI increases understanding of Oregon's geologic resources and hazards through science and stewardship.

Geological Survey & Services (GS&S) program:

- ▶ Develops maps, reports and data
- ▶ Manage natural resources
- ▶ Preparation for natural hazards

Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) program:

- ▶ Mineral production and permitting
- ▶ Minimize impacts of extraction
- ▶ Maximize opportunities for land reclamation

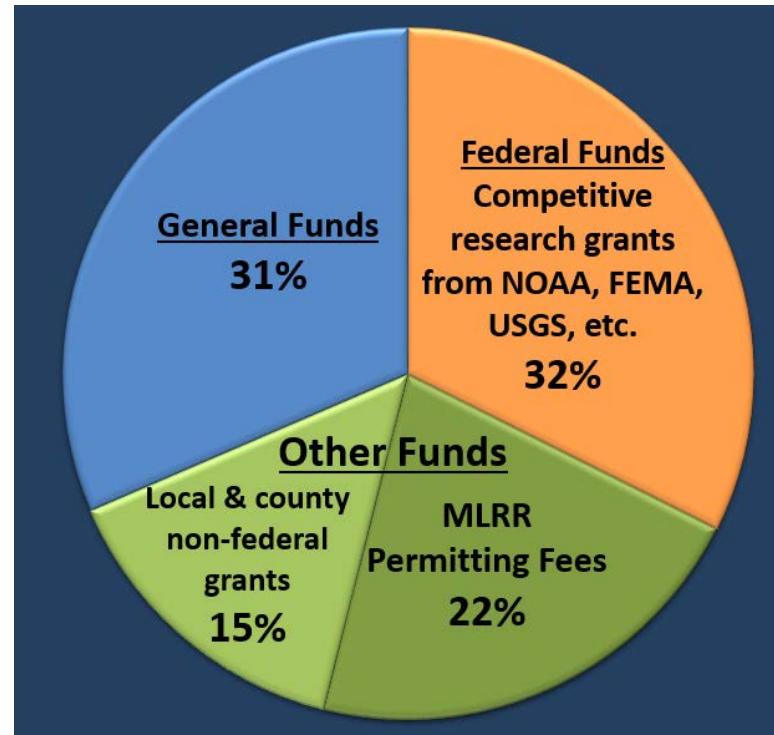
# History of DOGAMI

- ▶ 1872: Thomas Condon appointed as first State Geologist
- ▶ 1876: Condon resigns to become first geology professor of UofO
- ▶ 1910: Bureau of Mines created in conjunction with Federal Bureau
- ▶ 1913: Bureau renames the Oregon Bureau of Mining and Geology
- ▶ 1923-25: Bureau disbanded and records given to Oregon Agricultural College (OSU)
- ▶ 1929: State Mining Survey Board created
- ▶ 1933: Board abolished; Oregon State Mining Board created without adequate funding
- ▶ 1937: Present-day DOGAMI created - ORS516, 517, 520, 522
- ▶ Various other statutes have informed the work of DOGAMI

# Financial Background

DOGAMI funded at an even three-way split with between general fund, federal fund, and other funds.

- ▶ Almost 50% of funding comes from grants
- ▶ 22% of funds are permitting fees to fund MLRR Program
- ▶ Grants require state-match and capped indirect costs



# Financial Background

Over 50 individual and unique grants are managed involving various issues under DOGAMI's portfolio

- ▶ Risky endeavor - everyone must seek grants to keep job
- ▶ Going "above and beyond" requests by the funder
- ▶ Reluctance to ask for additional funding
- ▶ Indirect costs capped by federal government

DOGAMI has been financially undisciplined by relying on GF.

- ▶ Project overruns
- ▶ Need for more accountability and financial structure

# Budget Recommendation

Allocate \$3.1M GF to DOGAMI

- ▶ 1 PEM D manage GS&S
- ▶ Provides a budget that is actual reflection of DOGAMI's financial needs

Fee increase to benefit MLRR program

- ▶ 1 NRS4 position to manage large mining projects
- ▶ Provides opportunity for agency to build in 6-month reserve for the MLRR program

# Considered Options

- ▶ Move MLRR to NR Agency and GS&S to other NR Agency or University
  - ▶ Would need to assess which agency or university would be best to house services
  - ▶ Drastic change in systems - financial, labor, and priorities
  - ▶ Potential loss of staff
- ▶ Move entirety of DOGAMI under NR Agency or University
  - ▶ Would parallel 52% of other states
  - ▶ Loss of customer service benefits
  - ▶ Potential loss of labor structure
  - ▶ Potential loss of top administration

# Considered Options

- ▶ Move DOGAMI to Salem - similar to ODFW in 2003
  - ▶ Recruitment advantage enhanced
  - ▶ Likely to lose key staff
- ▶ DOGAMI remains intact as an independent agency but with culture change and right-sizing
  - ▶ Bring stability to the agency overall



# Further Queries

- ▶ Should there be a rebranding of DOGAMI?
- ▶ Should DOGAMI's focus and work be changed?
- ▶ How can a strategic plan be better developed after 2021?
- ▶ Should the state re-evaluate DOGAMI's key performance measures?
- ▶ How can DOGAMI's reputation as a science-focused agency be elevated?
- ▶ How can more accountability and oversight be administered?
  - ▶ Board structure
  - ▶ Role of elected officials
  - ▶ Annual report
- ▶ Should DOGAMI's structure be like other states?
- ▶ Should DOGAMI be moved to Salem, the state's capital?