

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1579

Relating to geological permits

SB 1579 modifies fees for the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation program. The fee changes include an increase for aggregate production, oil, gas and geothermal fees and reflect agreement between the Department and industry stakeholders.

The fee increase is effective January 1st, 2021 and is anticipated to generate \$359,079 Other Funds revenue in 2019-21 and \$1.5 million in 2021-23. This revenue is anticipated to maintain program funding at current operational levels and provide a projected ending fund balance of about two months of operating expenses by the start of the 2021-23 biennium.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1579 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.