

DOGAMI's work is extremely important to the safety of our communities and economy. Anyone with even cursory knowledge of the Cascadia Earthquake (overdue by 320 years) and its potential to unleash historic ruin on our state's populace and infrastructure knows the very real threat we face from this hazard. Let's not forget the 2011 Japanese Tsunami, which was triggered by a similar type of Earthquake. 20,000 people perished. Additionally, DOGAMI is responsible for Tsunami and Landslide hazards mapping. Just last week, my neighbor in Astoria (I winter there although I reside in Lone) lost her entire home to a mudslide. The family was prepared for just such an event and got out safely thanks to DOGAMI mapping.

As a citizen I am appalled that axing DOGAMI is even a consideration. As a working Geologist in the State of Oregon, I know the risks and understand the vast good this agency does every day. Please reject the cut.