

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 31: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation Program

To: Emergency Board
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Girod

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program.

The Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program is funded through permit fees and cost recovery agreements to regulate upland and underground mining, drilling of wells for oil or gas, and the drilling of geothermal wells. Increased costs associated with permitting the Grassy Mountain gold mine project in Malheur County, and delays on the agency's ePermitting project have resulted in a need for additional Other Fund expenditure limitation. The Department has a sufficient cash balance to support this request.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries by \$750,000 for the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program.