

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Geologic Mapping

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

On January 26th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$499,995 to continue geologic mapping throughout the state.

This is an annual grant which the Department has applied for and has been awarded annually since the program's inception in 1992. This funding would cover two mapping projects; the first in the Walla Walla Basin and the second in the Harney Basin. The grant requires a 1 to 1 funding match, which will be met through staff time. No additional funds or staffing resources are needed. The reason the Department is seeking retroactive approval is because the application deadline was on January 13th, after the December meeting of the Emergency Board, but before the start of session.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.