

SB 221 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes an Electronic Permitting System Subaccount for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to maintain the department's electronic permitting system that allows the department to electronically issue permits and receive applications and fees. Specifies that the costs of maintaining the system include hosting, operating, repairing, upgrading, staffing, and administering the system. Authorizes DOGAMI to impose and collect a 10.7 percent surcharge for each invoice generated by the department's system, to credit to the subaccount. Authorizes the department to reduce the surcharge percentage rate and provides procedures for order issuance, notice, and rate duration.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is responsible for issuing permits related to mineral exploration, surface mining operations, mining aggregate on high-value farmland, emergency and temporary mining operations, and drilling or using wells to extract oil, gas, or geothermal resources.

Senate Bill 221 would establish an Electronic Permitting System Subaccount for DOGAMI to maintain the department's electronic permitting system and would authorize DOGAMI to impose and collect a 10.7 percent surcharge for each invoice generated by the department's system to credit to the subaccount.