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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 10, 2023

Subject: SB 221 – Relating to the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries electronic permitting system.
Work Session Recommendations

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has been working toward implementation of a technology solution in the 2023-25 biennium to improve permitting performance and customer satisfaction for the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program. The system would support paperless electronic permitting and provide an online customer interface.

SB 221 permits DOGAMI to collect a surcharge of 10.7% of every invoice generated by the electronic permitting system. The measure also establishes the Electronic Permitting System Subaccount, intended to collect the surcharge revenue, and continuously appropriate funds to the Department for operations and maintenance of the system. DOGAMI may reduce the surcharge for the following biennium if there is sufficient revenue to cover anticipated system maintenance expenses, plus operational reserves, in Electronic Permitting System Subaccount. DOGAMI anticipates that the 10.7% rate would be used initially and reassessed each biennium. The measure takes effect January 1, 2024.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 221 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 221 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____