

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries ePermitting

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

On February 12th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries on ePermitting.

A budget note directed the agency to report during the 2024 session on the status of implementing the new ePermitting system. The system will replace paper-based tracking of permits, payments, and records, and offer an online customer interface to improve the Department's performance and service delivery to customers.

The ePermitting project recently received Stage Gate 1 endorsement from the Department of Administrative Services. The new system is anticipated to launch in December 2026 with a total General Fund cost of \$2.5 million. The Department received an increase of \$2 million General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium to start the project build.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.