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October 17, 2025

The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez:

The Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) provides earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous. DOGAMI is the State of Oregon's authority on geologic resources and geologic hazard science, and ORS 516 outlines the Agency's responsibilities for developing and making publicly available maps, reports, data, and other information to help Oregon manage natural resources and better understand and prepare for natural hazards. The agency also regulates surface mining, oil and gas exploration and production, and geothermal exploration and production through ORS 517, 520, & 522.

DOGAMI serves Oregonians through two programs: the Geological Survey & Services (GS&S) and the Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) Programs. Under each program, work is organized by technical focus area or regulatory oversight and performed by teams of technical experts and operational specialists to ensure Oregon is prepared, resilient, and accounting for its resources. Agency-wide Governance, Operations, and Outreach are included in the GS&S program area for budgetary reporting.

Proposed Reduction Options:

General Fund:

The Agency understands that requests for no-cost extensions on existing Federal Grant Awards will not be granted. As such the Agency has ruled them out as a slowdown option. Therefore, with DOGAMI's robust Federal Fund balance and potential match obligations in support of meeting Agency Key Performance Measures, our approach to developing reduction options has focused on vacancy savings and reductions to services & supplies. Since the Agency has no "under resourced" positions and match can comprise data, recission of studies and scientific data acquisition have been placed below the requested 2.5% reduction line.

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Other Fund:

Our approach to developing reduction options in Other Funds is to slow the speed of our coproject with the Department of State Lands, at 2.5% and 5% reductions. This will manifest as a slowing of spending on data necessary to polarize a decision around the feasibility of Geologic Carbon Sequestration on State Land. We project that this reduction will not put the project at risk but will push timelines into the 2027-2029 biennium.

Sincerely,

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Agency Name (Acronym) 2025-27 Biennium 2025-27 LAB 10,611,332 19.955.153 30.566.485 Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 Priority Gov. (ranked most to SCR or Describe the reduction and associated impact on services Reduction One-Time least preferred) Activity Program Unit/Activity Description GF OF NL-OF FF NL-FF TOTAL FUNDS Pos. FTE and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds Agency Target Yes / No Prgm Initials Dept Yes / No Div 2.5 months vacancy savings + cost difference between existing 63200 63200-010 \$ 92,673 92,673 Yes 1 1 Accountant 2 job rotation staff and backfill hiring. Short Term Vacancy Savings 2 63200 63200-010 8,650 13,840 34,600 1 12,110 Yes 4 month vacancy savings (#3062001) Short Term Vacancy Savings 63200-010 1 3 63200 3,421 2,737 6,158 \$ Yes Yes 45 day vacancy savings (#3152002) Reduction in Dues/Subscriptions, Employee recruitment and 1 4 63200 63200-010 Reduce General office supplies -GS&S 5,000 5,000 Yes Yes development, Publicity, Expendable Technology purchases, Reduce telecommunications costs. Governor's Target \$ 109,744 14,847 138,431 License Audit revealed duplication, 1 5 63200 63200-010 Reduced Esri Licensing \$ 40,000 40,000 Yes LIDAR project(s) will greatly reduce the area flown and ability 63200 63200-010 Cancel GF support LIDAR projects \$ 40,000 40,000 1 6 Yes to match for small city or county projects. Office updates (desks/chairs/wall 1 7 63200 63200-010 \$ 10,000 10,000 Pause office improvements until a better time (later) partitions, etc.) Pause small equipment or other non-capital replacement 63200 10,000 1 8 63200-010 Postpone non-capital technology \$ 10.000 Yes and/or new purchase 9 63200 63200-010 Reduce Employee Training -GS&S 25.000 25,000 Yes Reduction in Training opportunities. 10 63200 63200-010 Postpone capital technology replacements \$ 25,000 25,000 Yes Reduction in capital technology purchases 1 11 63200 63200-010 Postpone capital technology replacements \$ 5.539 5,539 Yes 1 Reduce capital technology purchases Reduction of \$484,032 is to Carbon Sequestration Project, joint with DSL. Project was budgeted for \$10M. Determined Slow POP102 - DSL funding of carbon 20 63200 63200-010 484,032 484,032 this will be a multi-biennium project & entire \$10M is not equestration project needed this year. Will slow data acquisition for project completion. 2.5% Target \$ 265,283 \$ - \$ 498,879 \$ - \$ 778,002 Reduce purchasing geoscientific data used in analysis and 12 63200 63200-010 35,540 35,540 1 Eliminate scientific data set purchases Yes exploration work. 1 13 63200 63200-010 9,941 9,941 Postpone capital technology replacements \$ Yes Reduce capital technology purchases 63200-010 1 14 63200 Reduce Employee Training -GS&S 25.000 25,000 Yes Reduction in Training opportunities. Eliminate Specialized geoscientific analysis, which was 1 15 63200 63200-010 Eliminate Rock Analysis (a) 16,400 16,400 Yes critical for determining composition and solving issues 1 16 63200 63200-010 Postpone capital technology replacements \$ 25.000 25.000 Yes Reduction in capital technology purchases Employee recruitment/development, Publicity, Expendable 17 63200 63200-010 Reduce Other supplies -GS&S 53,883 53,883 Technology purchases, and Reducing telecommunications 1 18 63200 63200-010 Eliminate Rock Analysis (b) \$ 49,520 49,520 Yes Eliminate new /enhanced rock analysis Reduce or eliminate professional services -- geoscience 19 63200 63200-010 Reduce Prof Services -GS&S \$ Yes 1 50,000 50,000 analysis expertise and consulting services Reduction of \$498,879 is to Carbon Sequestration Project, joint with DSL. Project was budgeted for \$10M. Determined Slow POP102 - DSL funding of carbon 20 63200 63200-010 498,879 498,879 this will be a multi-biennium project & entire \$10M is not sequestration project needed this year. Will slow data acquisition for project completion. 5% Target 530.567 \$ 997,758 \$ 1.542.165 TOTAL 530,567 \$ 997,758 \$ 1,542,165 0.00

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2025-27 Biennium

Detail of Programs in the 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget that have been established or expanded since 2021-23														
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63200	63200-010	2025-27	7/1/2025	НВ 5010	Geological Survey & Services (GS&S) Subsurface Geology and Mapping Program Establishment. Partnered with Department of State Lands.			10,000,000				\$ 10,000,000	4.00	Funding Source is DSL. Project IAA, charter and detailed project plans are in process. Contracts and scope of work are in progress with external partners. Outreach and Tribal engagement has started. Project anticipated to take a minimum of two years. (4 Positions at .88 each)
63200	63200-020	2025-27	7/1/2025	НВ 5010	Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) program - Expansion of Program			1,474,954				\$ 1,474,954	6.00	Fee increase (enacted 1/1/2026) and Program "Right-sizing" (POP103). (6 positions at .88 FTE each) Beginning the recruitement process for 3 NRS 4 positions (Drilling Program Lead and two Reclamationist), Two NRS 2 positions(field technications), and One PSR3 position. Agency will report to the legislature on implementation status and additional needed
63200	63200-021	2023-27	7/1/2023	SB 5510 (2023) HB 5010 (2025)	ePermitting - IT Modernization Project (one-time)	1,825,000						\$ 1,825,000	1	This Agency prioirty IT modernization project initiative is mid- project with EIS and Steering committee oversight. Anticipated to go live in late 2026. Contract with external vendor and cost- recovery agreement with DEQ for project management staff is in place and actively billing. Recruitment of 1.0 FTE IT support underway. Agency will provide update to Legislature in January 2026.
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Instructions

Column (5) - Authorization should identify the source of the new program or program expansion, which could include enabling legislation, approved policy option package, or administrative establishment.

Column (6) - Program description should include a summary of the program and the expansion (if applicable), including any partner state agencies.

Column (16) - Current status of program implementation should be summarized, including any future budget requests anticipated upon full program implementation.

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