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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.

Other Fund:

Our approach to developing reduction options in Other Funds is to slow the speed of our co-project 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ruari J. Day-Stirrat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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

Target (5%) 530,567 - 997,758
Difference - - -

