

**77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MEASURE: SB 838-B

Carrier – House: Rep. Unger

Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 14 – 10 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Richardson, Smith

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Steiner Hayward

Nays: Hansell, Johnson, Whitsett, Winters

Exc: Thomsen

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Reviewed By: Paul Siebert, Legislative Fiscal Office

Meeting Date: June 28, 2013

Agency

Department of Environmental Quality

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2013-15

Budget Summary*

	2011-13 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2013-15 Current Service Level	2013-15 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2011-13 Leg. Approved	
				\$\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	\$ 141,837	100.0%
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	\$ 141,837	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	3	3
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.75

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through December 2012

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

For the period October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015, Senate Bill 838 adds a \$150 surcharge to an existing placer mining permit fee; this is expected to generate \$217,500 in revenue. The bill also authorizes the establishment of suction dredge mining permit fees which will cover the cost of administration, monitoring, compliance and enforcement of the permit. The new fees will override fees established in ORS 468B.052 for suction dredge mining permits.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

Both the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of State Lands (DSL) regulate recreational and small scale placer mining in Oregon. Senate Bill 838 imposes certain restrictions and conditions on placer mining between January 1, 2014 and January 2, 2016 and limits the number of permits DSL may issue for placer mining during this period to 850. These restrictions are repealed on January 2, 2016 when a moratorium is imposed until January 2, 2021 on placer mining in specified rivers containing essential indigenous anadromous salmonid habitat or naturally reproducing populations of bull trout. The bill restricts the number of permits DSL can issue for unspecified rivers during the moratorium to 850. Senate Bill 838 also directs the Governor's Office to work with state agencies and other interested parties to conduct a study and make recommendations for a revised regulatory framework for suction dredge mining. The Governor's Office will report the results of the study and recommendations to the legislature by November 2, 2014. The bill provides \$141,837 Other Funds expenditure limitation and three seasonal positions (0.75 FTE). The positions will collect data, report, and provide technical oversight. DEQ will develop the data collection methodology in consultation with DSL, Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The methodology is expected to include visual surveys of mining activity from both land and water, including the effects of mining on beds, banks and vegetation resulting from mining activity.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

SB 838-B

Department of Environmental Quality
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
2011-13 Legislatively Approved Budget at Dec 2012 * \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0	0.00
2013-15 ORBITS printed Current Service Level (CSL)*\$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)									
002 - Water Quality									
Suction Dredge									
Personal Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 104,106	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 104,106	3	0.75
Services and Supplies	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,531	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,531		
Capital Outlay	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,200	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,200		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	3	0.75
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 141,837	3	0.75
% Change from 2011-13 Leg Approved Budget	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
% Change from 2013-15 Current Service Level	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	