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Oregon miners oppose HB2869. Oregon miner's exemption amendment is not in this bill. Miners would still be required to pay **OPTIONAL** recording fees every time we file a new mining claim or sell a claim using quit claim deeds. Recording our \$100.00 Federal mining claim **ANNUAL** proof of labor affidavit is required by state and federal mining laws. If miners do not record this instrument with the county BLM will close our mineral property. This will open the mineral property for someone else to file as a new claim. We only own the mineral, not the land on which the mineral resides.

A fellow miner and I made a presentation to the Oregon Surveyors Council a few years ago in Keizer OR. All surveyors at this meeting agreed with our request to exempt miner's annual proof of labor affidavit for their proposed new legislative surveyor bills. It is only fair if current State and Federal laws require our annual proof of labor affidavit to be recorded. Past legislators have agreed with our exemption request. Miner's exemption amendment says:

Instruments required under ORS 517.210 to maintain mining claims

County surveyors do not survey Federal property or mining claims. This legislative session HB2417 Low Income housing bill for Veterans does have our miner's amendment in their bill including past legislative Low Income Housing bills.

HB2869 says recording *[all]* instruments under ORS 205.130 (2), in addition to any other fee charged by the county clerk This statutes covers all documents that require recording with county clerks. HB2869 does not indicate what the fee is for each document or how it will be disbursed to county surveyors.

An example for annual affidavit proof of labor when required by law: If state and federal government laws required you to record an annual proof of labor affidavit for \$100.00 improvements on your home every year or you would lose your home/property this example is what miner's are required to do annually to keep a Federal valid mining claim.