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I'd like to start by saying hello to all the committee members, I (Damon Holst) personally feel that the prospectors and miners of the State of Oregon are trying to be swept into the cracks or pushed under a rug and alleviated altogether. I personally enjoy my prospecting adventures (threw out the state) and mining for gold. In these two bill it states that there in no "Revenue Impact" I disagree! I know I spent a lot of my personal income (and I am only one of many miners in the state) on all kinds of commodities as a consumer to go mining/prospecting. That's the money end of it

Now for the important part.

There is a lot of history that will be lost forever if mining is brushed aside, I know I love to learn everything I can about the history of this states mining districts, the people involved, and the way to prospect and mine commodities. I have a lot to learn and plan on teaching as many as I can in my lifetime to keep the history and spirit of these mountains alive for many generations to come.

I know there is a lot more to these bills than what I've discussed, but I hope some of you hear my opinion and take it into consideration for your decision.

Thank you

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