

Testimony of Russell Anthes before the Oregon Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee in support of Senate Bill 838 relating to suction dredging

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Senator Dingfelder, members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Russell Anthes and I am here to speak as a frequent visitor of Oregon. I strongly support Senate Bill 838, an act to enact a moratorium and create a new regulatory framework for the practice of suction dredge mining in Oregon's streams and rivers.

My family enjoys visiting Oregon and rafting many of the rivers. Suction dredge mining destroys the beauty we come to find in Oregon.

I support the goals of SB 838 and urge members of the committee to vote in favor of this bill as well as amendments to require the implementation of the new regulatory framework. Thank you.

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