

Senator Jackie Dingfelder chair and
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Senator

I am a hobbyist miner and I oppose SB 838 and have chosen to voice my view.

Senate Bill 838, as I understand is a Moratorium on certain mining practices using any form motorized equipment This will put miners and several mom and pop mining supply shops out of business SB 401, SB 115 SB 370 will have the same effect. SB 838 directs the Governors Office to study certain Issues related to mining using motorized equipment.

This study as I understand has already been done in SB 606 and passed by senate in April 12, 2001 and re passed May 31 2001. The study was completed by the Institute for Natural Resources, Oregon State University; Authors David Bernel, Jeff Behan, Bo Shelby in Jan. 2003 INR policy paper 2003-01

Pardon me for being direct money is in short supply, where would the funding come from, and why spend more money when the last study was ignored. the League of Womens rejected these recommendations After Oregon Parks and Recreation commission approved it on April 15, 2005. By the way in general the findings was favorable for miners as not harmful an could even be favorable for the environment.

Thankyou I stand against Senate Bill 838 and SB 401, SB 115 SB, 370

Respectively Martin D Huckins