

I Strongly oppose SB401, and hope I can encourage you to as well! I have Very High priced equipment and active claims that would be rendered absolutely useless with this bill. Me and my family has prospected and small scale mined for years It has been a tradition in our family for decades, and it has become a family hobby / alternate source of income that our entire family looks forward to, and plans on all summer long. Not only are they trying to outlaw our family fun / livelihood, but they are threatening to stick you with a criminal charge punishable by 30 days jail time or a huge fine! Mining goes way back in oregon history, and is carried on by tradition from father to son. Prospectors are mostly respectable People who follow guidelines of both DEQ and DSL. Obtaining permits and filing record logs. I can't tell you enough how devastating it would be to me, my family, and 1000's of others if SB115 SB370 and SB401 were put through. Below is a picture of 1 day dredging and removing these harmful toxins from the riverbed once and for all!

Please make this part of the record for SB401

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