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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2841

Chair Brad Witt, and House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee,

Eastern Oregon Mining Association (EOMA) supports HB 2841. This is a common sense bill that will help Oregon by encouraging agencies to become more informed about matters regarding small-scale mining before adopting rules, or issuing orders. There has been a disconnect between State agencies and the mining community. It has become obvious to EOMA that sometimes there is a lack of knowledge by State agency personnel about mining in Oregon, which has led to unrealistic permit conditions. This bill will help bridge that gap. The process that is now being used by the agencies is obviously not working; it is leading to controversy, and lawsuits. This creates an expensive and inefficient situation for both the miners and the State of Oregon. It certainly makes sense for agencies to become more knowledgeable about how the rules and orders they are making will actually affect the industry they are regulating. HB 2841 will also help the mining community understand what the problems are from the State agency standpoint. HB 2841 will go a long way toward accomplishing the goal of facilitating reasonable regulations that will work in the real world.

We strongly urge you to pass HB 2841.

Sincerely,

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