

I request that the following:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB838-1

be made part of the permanent public record!

Senator Dingfelder, members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee

10 April, 2013

My name is Howard Conner. I am 72 years old, a citizen and veteran of the United States of America, and, a citizen of the wonderful state of Oregon for the last 23 years. I greatly appreciate your service for the good of all Oregonians!

My professional background includes designing and managing complex hospital departments such as Cardio-Vascular-Pulmonary, Clinical/Bio-Medical Engineering, Hazardous Materials Handling and community based Health, Safety & Disaster procedures and systems. As you know, effective Resource Management requires that ALL facts and potential consequences be honestly evaluated and decisions made irrespective of outside influences and manipulations.


Senate Bill 838 was amended to SB 838-1 and this form of the Bill is acceptable to the mining community as it does not impose a moratorium on mining using Suction Dredges and other motorized equipment.

SB 838-1 does not negatively effect the economy of rural Oregon counties.

SB 838-1 does not negatively effect private land owners in proximity to streams.

SB 838-1 does, however, preclude someone from building a house right next to an established stream-side commercial gravel pit and then trying to file a law suit to close down the operation.

Thank you, and God bless you in your service to Oregon.


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