

Dear Senator: May 17, 2013

Please vote yes to support HB2841 (A) and add my comments to the public record.

Legislative Council attorneys told me ORS 517.125 is somewhat vague and it needs more clarification to give this statute enforcement authority for state agencies to follow. Currently some state agencies tend to overlook or do not contact affected parties when implementing new Administrative Rules, Orders or requiring overly restrictive permits when consultation is required according to ORS 517.125.

ORS 517.125 was put in law with SB1152 during the 70th Oregon Legislative Assembly.

- HB 2841 (A) will not change current requirements for permitting based on water quality, or other requirements established in law.

- HB 2841 (A) is about clarifying what is currently required in law, which is the requirement of consultation between those likely to be subject to permitting and the agencies that regulate recreational and small scale mining as stated in ORS 517.125.

- HB 2841 (A) was shown overwhelming support in the House, as it passed the floor vote unanimously with 60 votes.

I would appreciate your support to pass HB2841 (A) and allow it to have a Senate floor Vote.

Thank You,

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