

House Bill 3300

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART

SUMMARY

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Requires State Geologist within State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to appoint Mineral Resources Ombudsman. Specifies duties of Mineral Resources Ombudsman.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Mineral Resources Ombudsman; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Geologist within the State Department of Geology and Mineral**
5 **Industries, appointed pursuant to ORS 516.120, after consultation with the Governor, shall**
6 **appoint a Mineral Resources Ombudsman for matters related to mineral resources, including**
7 **mining and mining claims. The ombudsman is under the supervision and control of the State**
8 **Geologist and, after consultation with the Governor, the State Geologist may terminate the**
9 **ombudsman.**

10 **(2) The Mineral Resources Ombudsman shall:**

11 **(a) Provide information and assistance to persons with regard to matters related to the**
12 **mineral resources of the state.**

13 **(b) Act as a liaison with agencies, as that term is defined in ORS 183.310, on matters**
14 **related to mining and mining claims, including those related to fill and removal, water pol-**
15 **lution control and air contaminant discharges, in order to promote cooperation on matters**
16 **of joint concern related to mineral resources.**

17 **(c) Report to the Governor in writing at least once each quarter as provided in ORS**
18 **182.500 (1).**

19 **(3) Public bodies, and persons that contract with public bodies, shall cooperate with the**
20 **Mineral Resources Ombudsman as provided in ORS 182.500 (2).**

21 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**

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