

AOC SUPPORTS HOUSE BILLS 3089, 3096, AND 3269

The Association of Oregon Counties, representing all 36 county governments in Oregon, **supports House Bills 3089, 3096, and 3269** for the same reasons for each bill.

Each bill directs the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to conduct a study to provide information about mineral potential in the State or how mining operations could increase local revenues. With no pun intended, this is bedrock information, basic to the capacity of the State to develop its precious natural resources.

More knowledge of mineral potential and where it lies could conceivably play a part in healing the urban-rural divide.

AOC understands that DOGAMI is undergoing restructuring and will need added resources for that exercise and to perform these studies. We respectfully request that due consideration be given by the Legislature to the importance of the findings of these studies and provide the resources that DOGAMI will need.