



## **TESTIMONY**

### **HB 3090**

#### **House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**April 2, 2015**

HB 3090 directs the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to conduct a study on consolidating permit processes for mining operations. However, the bill is not clear on which permit processes DOGAMI is directed to study. Given the differences between local land use permitting and state permitting of mining through DOGAMI, the Department of Environmental Quality, and Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Farm Bureau would request that the bill be clarified to ensure it only evaluates state permitting processes, and does not include local land use permitting in the evaluation.

State permits largely evaluate and analyze impacts to the public and to public resources. When a local land use permit is required, and the project is located on farm or forest land, Oregon law directs the local body to evaluate impacts to neighboring farm or forestry operations as part of the consistency analysis undertaken in ORS 215.296. This evaluation is very different from that undertaken by the state, and is a critical part of local land use planning. As such, it should not be studied for inclusion in any state permit consolidation process, but should be left a separate and distinct evaluation undertaken at the local level.

Please contact Mary Anne Nash with the Oregon Farm Bureau with any questions.