

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Without Recommendation, With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Rules.**Meeting Dates:** 04/16, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes process for local governing body, or its designee, to evaluate whether proposed mining use causes significant change or significant increase in cost of accepted farm or forest practices when federal or state agency has not issued permit authorizing proposed mining use. Authorizes local governing bodies to impose conditions of approval that are intended to resolve conflicts between mining, processing or associated and accepted farm or forest practices. Requires local governing body, or its designee, to consider evidence from persons or agents of persons engaged in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands. Prohibits consideration of conflicts from transporting mining materials or products on public roads unless conflict is associated with ingress to or egress from site. Requires proposals to comply with applicable federal, state and local air quality, noise, water quality and other environmental standards. Requires local governing body, or its designee, to specify impact area within which conflicts would occur on surrounding land. Permits applicant to submit evidence proving that project can be made to meet conditions of approval.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Co-existence of mining with farming
- Past successes and failures of mining permit applications

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Throughout Oregon's history, a wide variety of minerals have been produced from many locations. Because of its mineral endowment and varied geology, mining companies still look at Oregon as a place to explore for and develop mineral deposits. There is significant debate as to whether land zoned exclusively for farm use should be used for the mining of aggregate and if so, how much of the land should be mined.

House Bill 2666 A would authorize local governing bodies to impose conditions of approval that are intended to resolve conflicts between mining, processing or associated uses and accepted farm or forest practices. The measure would also establish a process for local governing bodies, or their designees, to evaluate whether a proposed mining use causes significant change or significant increase in cost of accepted farm or forest practices when a federal or state agency has not issued a permit authorizing the proposed mining use.