

**Testimony of Lauri Aunan,
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2106.

Sections 1 and 2, found on pages 1 and 2 of HB 2106 as introduced, propose new limiting criteria for Governor appointments to the governing board of the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). Governor's nominees to the DOGAMI board are subject to Senate confirmation.

Our office has concerns that HB 2106 would make appointments more difficult by limiting the pool of well-qualified, thoughtful, collaborative Oregonians who can serve.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.