

Dear Chair Clem, Vice Chair McLain, and Respected Members of the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Tom Quintal and I am an Oregon Small Scale miner to respectfully voice my support for HB-2106 SECTION; 17 and SECTION 18 Subsection (3) to protect motorized in-stream placer mining within patented claims granted or unpatented located prior to the effective date of this 2017 act.

Oregon miners are in the 9th circuit court currently litigating the motorized placer mining ban caused by SB-838 that was passed in the 2013 legislature.

HB-2106 has provisions to protect Federal mining claims in SECTION 17 and SECTION 18.

SB-3 was introduced in this 2017 legislature to stop all motorized mining in the upper ESH stream reaches and that will eliminate motorized mining in all mineralized Oregon streams. This will cause financial harm in rural Oregon areas estimated to be around 20 million dollars annually.

DEQ issued permits in 2012 were 1941 permits 2016 were only 156

Environmentalists and special interest folks want motorized mining shut down in Oregon using the Oregon legislature like they did in California with SB637.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion to pass HB 2106.

MOTORIZED IN-STREAM PLACER MINING

SECTION 17. Sections 2 and 4, chapter 783, Oregon Laws 2013, are repealed.

SECTION 18. (1) As used in this section:

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(3) This section does not apply to motorized in-stream placer mining within patented claims granted or unpatented mining claims located prior to the effective date of this 2017 Act.

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