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To: Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod and Members of the Committee

Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Email: snr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: SB 222 – Authorizes DOGAMI to Collect Payments by Credit Card - SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has a comprehensive position adopted in 1995 on Hazards, providing us with the opportunity to advocate for the Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). We more recently <u>studied</u> Hard Rock Mining and adopted more positions upon which to advocate.

SB 222 authorizes DOGAMI to collect payments by credit card and add a fee charged by the credit card company to cover that charge. Providing the customers of DOGAMI with the opportunity to pay a fee by credit card can be convenient and is a choice for permittees.

We support <u>SB 222</u> because it provides an option for paying fees to DOGAMI which can be convenient for DOGAMI customers while not requiring such a payment method.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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