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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2666

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 29 and delete <u>page</u> 2 2 and insert:

3 "SECTION 2. (1) When determining under ORS 215.296 whether 4 surface mining, processing or associated uses force a significant 5 change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands de-6 voted to farm or forest use or significantly increase the cost of ac-7 cepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm 8 or forest use:

9 "(a) The local governing body, or its designee, may impose condi-10 tions of approval that are intended to resolve conflicts between surface 11 mining, processing or associated uses and accepted farm or forest 12 practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use, including 13 the use of specific technology or methods of mitigation that are rea-14 sonable, cost-effective and do not adversely affect the economic vi-15 ability of the proposed surface mining, processing or associated uses.

16 "(b) If the applicant demonstrates that the proposed surface min-17 ing, processing and associated uses comply with applicable federal, 18 state and local air quality, noise, water quality and other environ-19 mental standards, the proposed use meets the standards for approval 20 described in ORS 215.296.

21 "(c) For the purpose of transportation, the local governing body, 22 or its designee, shall consider only whether the point of access between the proposed mine site and the closest state highway, county road or city street meets the standards set by the Department of Transportation.

"(2) When making the determination described in subsection (1) of
this section, the local governing body, or its designee, shall use the
following process:

"(a) The local governing body, or its designee, shall consider evidence from persons or agents of persons engaged in accepted farm or
forest practices on surrounding lands, relating to the standards for
approval described in ORS 215.296.

"(b) The local governing body, or its designee, may not consider conflicts from transporting mining materials or products on a public road unless the conflict is associated with safe ingress to or egress from the site.

15 "(c) The local governing body, or its designee, shall consider a 16 demonstration by the applicant that the proposed surface mining, 17 processing and associated uses comply with federal, state and local air, 18 noise, water quality and other environmental standards as complying 19 with the standards for approval described in ORS 215.296.

"(d) If the local governing body, or its designee, finds substantial and objective evidence in the record to support a conclusion that the proposed surface mining, processing or associated uses violate the standards for approval described in ORS 215.296:

"(A) The local governing body, or its designee, shall specify the
 impact area within which the conflicts would occur on surrounding
 land from the proposed surface mining, processing or associated uses;
 and

"(B) The applicant, or its agent, may present evidence to the local
 governing body, or its designee, demonstrating that the proposed sur face mining, processing or associated use:

¹ "(i) Will not violate the standards described in ORS 215.296; or

"(ii) Can be made to minimize the conflicts with accepted farm or
forest practices through the conditions of approval described in subsection (1)(a) of this section.".

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