

Dear Committee Members, I am a resident of Salem and oppose HB5010. Although I am a Salem City Council member, representing Ward 2, I am not speaking in any capacity, official or otherwise, on behalf of the City; but as a member of the public who understands the vital role played by DOGAMI, which is nationally recognized for its vital assessment of natural hazards from earthquakes, landslides, and tsunami, groundwater geology, and laser terrain mapping. DOGAMI develops maps, reports, and data to help Oregon manage natural resources and prepare for natural hazards. This data is used by industry, consultants, other government agencies, academics, and the general public to make informed decisions about Oregon's natural hazards and resources.

All Oregonians, including Salem residents are positively affected in the following ways

- 1) The essential functions of DOGAMI are critical to public safety in a state prone to earthquakes, tsunami, landslides, flooding (coastal and inland) environmental issues and volcanic activity. When the Cascadia earthquake comes, Salem's bridges and infrastructure will be destroyed if we are not able to use DOGAMI's research (see below) to help us avoid the worst effects..
- 2) DOGAMI provides essential geologic data for land use planning and regulations, mineral materials and energy resources, bedrock geology throughout the state, and groundwater resources.

HB510 will destroy much needed expertise at great future cost. This is unacceptable and dangerous for the future of Oregon. Please do not pass this bill.

Respectfully,

Tom Andersen