

I oppose HB 5010 because it phases out funding for DOGAMI.

As an active member of the largest and oldest Geological Society in Oregon, I am writing to urge you to continue funding Department of Geology and Mineral Industries as a distinct entity. DOGAMI provides geologists and Oregonians with critical scientific information for our state and beyond, both currently and in the long term.

Climate change adjustments and adaptations can be foreseen if we continue with the research and surveying that DOGAMI provides. The geologic hazards that Oregon faces are virtually unparalleled in seriousness compared to the rest of the United States and we cannot afford to lose the modeling and planning that DOGAMI provides. Any legislative decision that jeopardizes their existence would put Oregonians at significant risk of personal and economic ruin.

In addition to the intuitive risks that earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes pose to Oregonians, DOGAMI has been a national leader in the development and implementation of technology to identify and protect us from landslide and flooding hazards. This information is essential to preserving the economy and people of Oregon.

Please, please, please, do not allow this bill to wipe out this important agency.