

I am submitting written testimony urging the members of the Joint Committee of Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources to oppose HB 2010 and any other actions to defund and or disband the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, called DOGAMI. This Bill should not be considered because it eliminates the state's ability to obtain science driven geological hazard and critical resource information, both in the short and long term, for the safety and well being of the public. It is your responsibility, first and foremost, to ensure that the best and latest information is available for the recognition of our natural hazards and the state's earth resources. We cannot afford to lose the geologic mapping, modeling, e.g., landslide, earthquake, and tsunami, and planning information, for example geologic mapping identifying groundwater resources in Prineville, Columbia Basin, and Malheur Basin, that DOGAMI provides. When the Subcommittee meets this week make sure Oregonians will continue to get this essential information. Support DOGAMI!