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Testimony on HB 2248

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Introduction and Key Concepts

Currently, base and precious metal mining are regulated by two different statutory provisions, which are: Chemical Process Mining (CPM) statutes and “Non-Aggregate Mineral” statutes.

As you will hear from DOGAMI’s contact Attorney General, to fairly and effectively regulate base and precious metal mining, we need to put the regulations into one silo to avoid having an applicant needing two permits from DOGAMI for the same proposed mining venture.

Clearly, chemical process mining statutes and rules are a far better regulatory tool than the “Non-Aggregate Mineral” division, because they were drafted specifically to deal with the mining of the targeted minerals. The “Non-Aggregate Mineral” statutes were woven together as a patchwork quilt of regulation.

This bill would put all base and metal mining under CPM statute and rule. This bill is supported by the prospective regulated community, agencies, and others.

This bill will not affect aggregate mining or industrial minerals. We have identified no opposition to this bill.

This is an important bill.

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