

February 28, 2013

To: Members of House Land Use Committee
From: Lynn Beaton, Committee Administrator
RE: **HB 2201 and HB 2202**

Representatives of Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries, Dept. of Agriculture, and Dept. of Land Conservation and Development were each sent the message below. The DLCD representative will be unable to attend due to illness, but the other two representatives will attend.

Agency representatives:

Chair Clem requests that you testify on HB 2201 and HB 2202 before the House Land Use Committee.

During your testimony, could you please address the following questions:

1. On Tuesday, we heard that a very small percentage of Class I and Class II soils are actually being affected by aggregate mining. Is this accurate?
2. How much of the state's aggregate supply is under Class I and Class II soils?
3. What is the high-quality sand and gravel aggregate under Class I and Class II soils used for?
4. Of the current uses of high-quality aggregate, could aggregate from quarries be used instead?
5. How does aggregate mining affect cumulative non-farm impacts on agriculture?
6. If a small percentage of high-quality soils are being affected, why is this a concern to the agriculture industry?
7. How would the alternatives analysis work?