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Baertschiger puzzled by urban Courtney's intrusive rural issues bills

SALEM, Ore.-Republican state Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., of Grants Pass, released the following statement on urban, Democratic Senate President Peter Courtney's legislation regulating mining, trapping and fishing, among other rural issues:

"I'm absolutely puzzled why urban lawmakers are obsessed with running legislation that impacts everyone else's district but their own! My constituents are asking the question: why does he do it? Mining, trapping and fishing are integral parts of my district and it concerns me to see these key industries under attack."

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