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ATTEND THE HEARING!

Make Your Voice Heard on Substitute Senate Bill 181

A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE

SB 181 would change Ohio's mining laws and could affect communities across the state.

HEARING DETAILS

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Ohio Statehouse
Columbus
Hearing Room 116

House Natural Resources Committee

Plan to arrive at 8:45 a.m.

WHAT WOULD SB 181 CHANGE?



Allow certain mining expansions onto **noncontiguous land** through permit amendments.



Allow **underground mining** to be added to an existing surface-mining permit.



Replace periodic permit renewals with **nonexpiring permits** reviewed at least every five years.



Create underground limestone and dolomite mining regulations, with **different off-site subsidence protections** than Ohio coal-mining law.

You do not have to testify to attend.
Your presence matters.

If you choose to testify, please speak **as an individual,** not as a representative of CAM.

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SYNOPSIS OF SUBSTITUTE S.B. 181

How Ohio's mining and zoning laws fit together

CURRENT OHIO LAW

Since 2023, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 303.02 and 519.02 have limited county and township zoning options for covered mining activities added to an existing Chapter 1514 permit. Zoning must allow those activities as a permitted or conditional use in any district, including residential districts. Any local zoning conditions must address public health or safety.

WHAT THE BILL WOULD CHANGE

1. UNDERGROUND MINING THROUGH A PERMIT AMENDMENT
An operator could apply to add underground limestone or dolomite mining to an existing surface-mining permit through an amendment.

2. NONEXPIRING PERMITS
Periodic renewals would be replaced by ODNR reviews at least once every five years.

3. TIMING OF LOCAL ZONING APPLICATIONS
Counties and townships could not require a state mining permit or amendment before an operator applies for zoning approval.

4. EXPANSION ONTO NONADJACENT LAND
An operator could add nonadjacent land by amending an existing state mining permit if all or part of the land lies in a township or municipality named in the permit. Where R.C. 303.02 or 519.02 applies, county or township zoning must allow the covered mining as a permitted or conditional use. Any zoning conditions must address public health or safety.