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This testimony is in support of HB790 in that it mandates a study be done of split estates of property held between mineral owners and surface owners related to oil and gas development. As present laws governing bond requirements and subsequent reclamation activities are woefully outdated, this study is certainly necessary and will be a basis for legislation anticipated in the future as methane gas, petroleum and natural gas development activities increase.

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