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HB 2600 our bill to open state lands to rock collecting is on the move. It is scheduled for a public hearing on January 27 at 8:00 AM in the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.(subject to change so check before you go). **It is critical that we have as many rockhounds as possible at the meeting to testify.** As I am not a member of any club I know few rockhounds to contact outside of yourselves. Unfortunately I am scheduled to be in the hospital on January 27.

I strongly suggest that if we do not have folks to testify in favor of OUR bill that we will lose it and it won't get out of committee.

I suggest that all of the clubs be asked to have a representative at the hearing and be prepared to testify. Brian would that be appropriate for you?

SB 6057 our bill to get state lands open to rock collecting has not moved since Jan. 9.

Members of the house committee on agriculture and natural resources are:

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For more information on the bill follow the link below:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2600&year=2011>