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## General Comment

I oppose the consolidation of the two agencies. The Office of Natural Resource Revenue's main source of revenue comes from leasing the use of public natural resources. The Office divides the supervision of the uses of different natural resources into different agencies; however, by consolidating the two agencies into one, the Office no longer has an accurate reading of the amount of revenue generated from each natural resource but instead the general value of the two combined.

Furthermore, the Office leases out natural resources which is payed in the form of taxes for taxpayers; though consolidating the two agencies can reduce tax payments by acting as one entity, the consolidated agency will have to pay in royalties for both natural resources because of the combined resources it would control. As a result, the agency could lose more from royalty payments than earning from royalty fees and cost the government more money.