

1 **HB 1845 - H AMD WITHDRAWN 4/6/01**

2 By Representative

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
4 following:

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 78.44.085 and 1997 c 413 s 1 are each amended as  
6 follows:

7 (1) An applicant for a public or private reclamation permit shall  
8 pay an application fee to the department before being granted a surface  
9 mining permit. ~~((The amount of the application fee shall be six  
10 hundred fifty dollars.))~~

11 (a) From July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2003, the amount of the  
12 application fee shall be eight hundred dollars.

13 (b) After June 30, 2003, the amount of the application fee shall  
14 be six hundred fifty dollars.

15 ~~((After June 30, 1993, each public or private permit holder~~  
16 ~~shall pay an annual permit fee of six hundred fifty dollars.))~~ (a) From  
17 July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2003, each public or private permit  
18 holder shall pay an annual permit fee of eight hundred dollars.

19 (b) After June 30, 2003, each public or private permit holder  
20 shall pay an annual permit fee of six hundred fifty dollars. The  
21 annual permit fee shall be payable to the department on the first  
22 anniversary of the permit date and each year thereafter. Annual fees  
23 paid by a county for mines used exclusively for public works projects  
24 and having less than seven acres of disturbed area per mine shall not  
25 exceed one thousand dollars. Annual fees are waived for all mines used  
26 primarily for public works projects if the mines are owned and  
27 primarily operated by counties with 1993 populations of less than  
28 twenty thousand persons, and if each mine has less than seven acres of  
29 disturbed area.

30 (3) Appeals from any determination of the department shall not  
31 stay the requirement to pay any annual permit fee. Failure to pay the  
32 annual fee may constitute grounds for an order to suspend surface  
33 mining or cancellation of the reclamation permit as provided in this  
34 chapter.

1 (4) All fees collected by the department shall be deposited into  
2 the surface mining reclamation account.

3 (5) If the department delegates enforcement responsibilities to a  
4 county, city, or town, the department may allocate funds collected  
5 under this section to the county, city, or town.

6 (6) Within 60 days after receipt of a permit application, the  
7 department shall advise applicants of any information necessary to  
8 successfully complete the application.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of natural resources shall  
10 report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the  
11 legislature regarding program deliverables and uses of the new fee  
12 revenue."

Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** The underlying bill increased the \$650 fee to \$1,200; the amendment changes the fee to \$800. The new fee is effective for the 2001-03 fiscal biennium, after which it reverts to \$650. Within 60 days of receiving the application, the DNR must advise applicants on any information necessary to successfully complete the application. The DNR is required to report to the legislature on program deliverables and the new fee revenue.