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Sponsor(s): Senators Sutherland and Prentice

Brief Description: Revising mining reclamation laws.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Clarifies that surface mining is a land use activity subject to the authority of counties, cities, and towns to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the environment to be carried out giving consideration to reclamation plans developed by the department of natural resources.

Creates the surface mining reclamation account.

Authorizes a no-cost consulting service for reclamation issues.

Repeals provisions in chapter 78.44 RCW.