

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1468

As Passed House

March 12, 1997

Title: An act relating to surface mining.

Brief Description: Removing authority to modify reclamation permit fees.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Chandler, Grant, Sump, Sheldon, Hatfield, Alexander, Delvin and Pennington).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Natural Resources: 2/12/97, 2/28/97 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/12/97, 97-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Buck, Chairman; Sump, Vice Chairman; Regala, Ranking Minority Member; Butler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Alexander; Anderson; Chandler; Hatfield; Pennington and Sheldon.

Staff: Linda Byers (786-7129).

Background: Surface mine reclamation permit holders pay an annual permit fee. In 1993, the Legislature set the annual permit fee at \$650. The Legislature also gave the Department of Natural Resources the authority to modify the annual permit fee by rule. The department has not done so.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Natural Resources' authority to modify the annual surface mine reclamation permit fee by rule is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The setting of these fees should be under the control of the Legislature.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Mark Triplett, Washington Aggregate & Concrete Association.