

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1468

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### As Reported By House Committee On:

Natural Resources

**Title:** An act relating to surface mining.

**Brief Description:** Removing authority to modify reclamation permit fees.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Buck, Chandler, Grant, Sump, Sheldon, Hatfield, Alexander, Delvin and Pennington.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

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

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## 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.