

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1465

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources & Parks, March 28, 1997

Title: An act relating to surface mining.

Brief Description: Requiring establishment of a no-cost consulting service regarding mining issues.

Sponsors: Representatives Sump, Sheldon, Grant, Hatfield, Pennington, Delvin and Koster.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 3/27/97, 3/28/97 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Oke, Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Jacobsen, Morton, Prentice, Roach, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

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Background: The Department of Natural Resources administers the state's surface mining reclamation program. The department may, but is not required to, establish a no-cost consulting service within the department to assist miners, surface mining reclamation permit holders, local government, and the public in technical matters related to surface mining.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Natural Resources must establish a no-cost consulting service for miners, surface mining reclamation permit holders, local government, and the public.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The Department of Natural Resources has agreed to assist surface mine operations and local government by establishing a consulting service. This would help both private industry and government agencies regulating mining activities.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Mark Triplett, Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association (pro).