

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5669

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Revising the collection of the metals mining and milling fee.

**Sponsors:** Senator Morton; by request of Department of Revenue.

**Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment**

**House Committee on Finance**

**Background:** In 1994 the Legislature established a metals mining and milling fee which applied to hard rock precious metals such as gold, silver and some types of copper. The fee became effective July 1, 1995, and the Department of Revenue was the collection agency. At the present time, the Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources identify those taxpayers subject to the fee and calculate the amount due for each. Billing and collection of payments are performed by the Department of Revenue. At the present time, there are three taxpayers that are subject to the fee.

**Summary:** The transfer of responsibility for collecting and administering the fee for metals mining is transferred from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Ecology.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	43	0
House	82	10
House	77	15 (House reconsidered)

**Effective:** July 1, 1997