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Sponsor(s): Senator Morton

Brief Description: Regulating reclamation and closure of uranium and thorium mills.

**SB 5072 - DIGEST**

Declares that the Washington state department of health or any other state agency may not issue any permits or grant permission to transport mill tailings classified as 11e(2) waste under the federal atomic energy act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 2011 et seq.).

Declares that the department shall not approve a license or the renewal of a license for a uranium or thorium mine, mill, or tailings facility, if the license is based on a reclamation, closure, or decommissioning that involves the receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal of mill tailings classified as 11e(2) waste under the federal atomic energy act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 2011 et seq.), except where the radioactive materials proposed for receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal, is produced at a mine associated with, and under the same operator or ownership as, the licensed site or proposed licensed site.