

6148-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Heavey, Patterson, Fairley, Fraser, McAuliffe, Franklin and Kline; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Brief Description: Requiring an environmental impact statement for mining in flood plains.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that, except for metals mining and milling operations subject to RCW 43.21C.039, and notwithstanding any provision in RCW 43.21C.030 and 43.21C.031 to the contrary, an environmental impact statement shall be prepared for any new or expanded public or private surface mine when all or part of the proposed mine falls within a flood plain as defined in WAC 173-22-030.

Requires that, except for metals mining and milling operations subject to RCW 78.56.050, an environmental impact statement must be prepared for any new or expanded public or private surface mine when all or part of the proposed mine falls within a flood plain as defined in WAC 173-22-030.