

Appropriations Committee

HB 1845

Brief Description: *Increasing the fee for a surface mining reclamation permit.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Sehlin and H. Sommers ; by request of Department of Natural Resources.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Increases the surface mining permit fee from \$650 to \$1,200 and makes the fee non-refundable.*

Hearing Date: *2/21/01*

Staff: *Jeff Olsen (786-7157).*

Background:

The Department of Natural Resources regulates and monitors surface mines. The Surface Mine Reclamation Program is primarily funded by a \$650 application fee paid to the department by persons applying for a surface mining permit. Permit fee revenues are deposited into the Surface Mining Reclamation Account to support the program.

Summary of Bill:

The reclamation permit fee is increased from \$650 to \$1,200. In addition, the fee for a surface mining permit is non-refundable.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Available.*

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

