

SSB 5305 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that not all
4 mineral resources of long-term commercial significance can be used as
5 construction aggregates and not all regions of the state have
6 sufficient supplies of construction aggregates. As a result, projects
7 may not be completed timely, economically, and with the quality of
8 aggregates necessary for long-term durability.

9 (2)(a) A committee is created to study the state's need for
10 aggregate as recognized under subsection (1) of this section. The
11 committee is comprised of the following:

12 (i) The state geologist, representing the department of natural
13 resources, who shall serve as chair;

14 (ii) A representative of the association of general contractors;

15 (iii) A representative of the governor;

16 (iv) A representative of the Washington chapter of the American
17 public works association;

18 (v) An operating engineer representing the building and trades
19 council;

20 (vi) A representative of the aggregate and concrete association;
21 and

22 (vii) Representatives from three counties, including a county from
23 east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, a highly urbanized county
24 with aggregate supplies and affiliated industries within its urban
25 area, and a rural county with aggregate supplies and affiliated
26 industries within its agricultural, forested, or other rural areas.

27 (b) The committee shall:

28 (i) Determine whether the goals and requirements under chapter
29 36.70A RCW are being met with regard to the identification,
30 designation, and supply of aggregate necessary to meet the twenty-year

1 comprehensive plans and whether sufficient quality and quantity of
2 aggregate is available to meet the transportation elements of the
3 department of transportation, county, city, or municipal projects, and
4 private projects;

5 (ii) Determine whether environmental review procedures allow the
6 efficient processing of permit applications without reducing
7 environmental protection and without undermining the expectation that
8 a successful project will receive a permit in a timely manner;

9 (iii) Ensure the state has competitive and efficient industries by
10 evaluating and identifying areas of redundant, duplicative, and costly
11 regulations and suggesting remedies to eliminate those inefficient
12 impediments;

13 (iv) Consider how the aggregate and affiliated industries should be
14 regulated; and

15 (v) No later than December 15, 2003, prepare and submit to the
16 legislature its findings and any legislation necessary.

17 (3) The department of transportation and the department of
18 community, trade, and economic development shall provide technical and
19 staff support from existing staff."

EFFECT: Adds three county representatives to the aggregate study
committee.

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