
SENATE BILL 5305

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By Senators Mulliken, T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Reardon and Esser

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1 AN ACT Relating to the availability of construction aggregates used
2 in transportation and construction projects; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

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

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

17 (iii) A representative of the governor;

18 (iv) A representative of the Washington chapter of the American
19 public works association;

1 (v) An operating engineer representing the building and trades
2 council; and

3 (vi) A representative of the aggregate and concrete association.

4 (b) The committee shall:

5 (i) Determine whether the goals and requirements under chapter
6 36.70A RCW are being met with regard to the identification,
7 designation, and supply of aggregate necessary to meet the twenty-year
8 comprehensive plans and whether sufficient quality and quantity of
9 aggregate is available to meet the transportation elements of the
10 department of transportation, county, city, or municipal projects, and
11 private projects;

12 (ii) Determine whether environmental review procedures allow the
13 efficient processing of permit applications without reducing
14 environmental protection and without undermining the expectation that
15 a successful project will receive a permit in a timely manner;

16 (iii) Ensure the state has competitive and efficient industries by
17 evaluating and identifying areas of redundant, duplicative, and costly
18 regulations and suggesting remedies to eliminate those inefficient
19 impediments;

20 (iv) Consider how the aggregate and affiliated industries should be
21 regulated; and

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

24 (3) The department of natural resources, department of
25 transportation, and department of community, trade, and economic
26 development shall provide technical and staff support from existing
27 staff.

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