

HB 2471-S - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/2008)

Provides that the Washington geological survey shall: (1) Serve as a bureau of information and an advisory service concerning geologic resources and hazards, and to provide technical assistance to local governments on geological hazards, mineral resources, and aggregate mining and reclamation during preparation and amendment of comprehensive plans and land use regulations;

(2) Collect geotechnical and related reports prepared by applicants in support of building construction and land use permits from local government or state government for use in the development of a statewide electronic database of subsurface geotechnical data;

(3) Preserve information collected, developed, or obtained under this act in a publicly accessible electronic data system;

(4) Establish and maintain a storage and examination facility for physical samples; and

(5) Promote outdoor recreation and education.

Requires reports, geological maps, geological hazard assessment maps, mineral resource maps, and special reports of the geological survey to be distributed as directed by the state geologist as the needs of the state and science demand.