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SENATE BILL 6544

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By Senator Pearson

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a mineral prospecting and mining  
2 advisory committee; and adding a new section to chapter 77.55 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.55 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The commission must establish and maintain an advisory  
7 committee to represent the interests of mineral prospectors and miners  
8 to the commission and the department on matters including, but not  
9 limited to, issues relating to individual hydraulic project approval  
10 permit processing under this chapter, relevant rules and proposed rule  
11 changes under this chapter, and the gold and fish pamphlet established  
12 under RCW 77.55.091. The advisory committee must serve as a  
13 collaborative forum for regular communication of both ongoing and  
14 emergent issues relating to mineral prospecting and mining.

15 (2) In determining the size and membership of the advisory  
16 committee, the commission must consult with and consider nominations  
17 from appropriate mineral prospecting and mining groups. The committee  
18 must consist of between five and nine members, as determined by the

1 commission. Each member of the advisory committee shall serve without  
2 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in  
3 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (3) The advisory committee must meet at least quarterly, and at  
5 other appropriate times to address emergent issues or proposed rule  
6 changes under this chapter relevant to mineral prospecting and mining.

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