

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1406

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As of Second Reading

**Title:** An act relating to adjusting the surface mining funding structure.

**Brief Description:** Adjusting the surface mining funding structure.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Barkis, Blake, Chandler, Fitzgibbon and Wilcox; by request of Department of Natural Resources.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 6/29/17, 94-0.

**Committee Activity:**

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the surface mining permit application fee from \$2,500 to \$4,500.
- Changes the reclamation plan revision fee from \$1,000 to \$2,500.
- Changes the current tiered annual surface mining permit fee structure to a flat fee of \$2,000 regardless of the quantity of material extracted.

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**Staff:** Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

**Background:** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates surface mine reclamation in Washington. A person engaging in surface mining activities must have an approved reclamation plan and a reclamation permit issued by DNR.

The application fee for a new reclamation permit, for the expansion of an existing permitted mine, or for the combination of existing public or private reclamation permits, is \$2,500. The fee for a revision to an existing reclamation plan is \$1,000. Permit holders must also pay an annual fee that varies based on the quantity of material extracted:

- 0 to 50,000 tons: \$1,250;
- 50,001 to 350,000 tons: \$2,500; and
- 350,000 or more tons: \$3,500.

**Summary of Bill:** The application fee for a new reclamation permit, for the expansion of an existing permitted mine, or for the combination of existing public or private reclamation

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permits, is \$4,500. The fee for a revision to an existing reclamation plan is \$2,500. The annual fee for all permit holders, regardless of amount extracted, is \$2,000.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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