

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1406

As Passed Senate, June 30, 2017

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:

Floor Activity:

Third Special Session: Passed Senate: 6/30/17, 41-8.

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.

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.

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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 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.