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Brief Description: Regulating metals mining.

HB 1706 - DIGEST

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Requires each applicant for a permit to operate a metals mining operation to submit a six-part consolidated application with the information specified by the act.

Establishes procedures for public notice of a pending application, hearing procedures, and for approval or rejection of the application.

Requires a comprehensive study of the potential impact on the state's environmental, aesthetic, recreational, social, community, archaeological, and historic resources.

Requires an applicant to post a reclamation bond to protect human health and the environment.

Authorizes civil actions by the public to enjoin infractions of the act.

Requires the establishment of a citizen's advisory committee for each metals mining operation.

Designates civil penalties for violations of the act.