
SENATE BILL 5436

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By Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Anderson, Benton, Rossi and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to surface mining; and amending RCW 78.44.310.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 78.44.310 and 1993 c 518 s 38 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The department ((may)) shall establish a no-cost consulting service
6 within the department to assist miners, permit holders, local
7 government, and the public in technical matters related to mine
8 regulation, mine operations, and reclamation. The department ((may))
9 shall prepare concise, printed information for the public explaining
10 surface mining activities, timelines for permits and reviews, laws, and
11 the role of governmental agencies involved in surface mining, including
12 how to contact all regulators. The department shall not be held liable
13 for any negligent advice.

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