

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1468

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources & Parks, March 28, 1997

Title: An act relating to surface mining.

Brief Description: Removing authority to modify reclamation permit fees.

Sponsors: Representatives Buck, Chandler, Grant, Sump, Sheldon, Hatfield, Alexander, Delvin and Pennington.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 3/27/97, 3/28/97 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Oke, Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Jacobsen, Morton, Roach, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Background: Surface mine reclamation permit holders pay an annual permit fee. In 1993, the Legislature set the annual permit fee at \$650. The Legislature also gave the Department of Natural Resources the authority to modify the annual permit fee by rule. The department has not done so.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Natural Resources' authority to modify the annual surface mine reclamation permit fee by rule is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The fees should be set by the Legislature in this case.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Mark Triplett, WA Aggregates & Concrete Association.