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	HOUSE BILL 1465

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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 <u>shall</u> 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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