

HB 2981 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Finds that the list of exemptions in the current system of surface mining regulations creates a patchwork mosaic where essentially identical surface mining operations receive disparate regulatory treatment based solely on who owns the mine and for what reason it exists.

Provides that a county may not directly or indirectly purchase gravel, sand, or rock from a resource excavation operation that is not included within the definition of surface mine if the operation is excluded from the definition of surface mine solely based on one or more of the exemptions provided in RCW 78.44.031(17)(d).