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By Senators Ericksen, Sheldon, Pearson, Becker, Bailey, Warnick, and Padden

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a mineral prospecting and mining  
2 advisory committee; and adding a new section to chapter 77.55 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.55  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The commission must establish and maintain an advisory  
7 committee to represent the interests of mineral prospectors and  
8 miners to the commission and the department on matters including, but  
9 not limited to, issues relating to individual hydraulic project  
10 approval permit processing under this chapter, relevant rules and  
11 proposed rule changes under this chapter, and the gold and fish  
12 pamphlet established under RCW 77.55.091. The advisory committee must  
13 serve as a collaborative forum for regular communication of both  
14 ongoing and emergent issues relating to mineral prospecting and  
15 mining.

16 (2) In determining the size and membership of the advisory  
17 committee, the commission must consult with and consider nominations  
18 from appropriate mineral prospecting and mining groups. The committee  
19 must consist of between five and nine members, as determined by the  
20 commission. Each member of the advisory committee shall serve without

1 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized  
2 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

3 (3) The advisory committee must meet at least quarterly, and at  
4 other appropriate times to address emergent issues or proposed rule  
5 changes under this chapter relevant to mineral prospecting and  
6 mining.

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