

1 **SHB 2521** - H COMM AMDS **ADOPTED 02/14/94**

2 By Committee on Appropriations

3 On page 4, after line 38, insert a new section to read as
4 follows:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** By January 1, 1995, the department of
6 ecology shall develop and adopt criteria for the siting of
7 facilities for the management of tailings from metals mining and
8 milling operations. Sites for tailings facilities established on
9 or after such date shall conform to such criteria. To the extent
10 practical, these criteria shall be designed to minimize the short-
11 term and long-term risks and costs that may result from the
12 facilities. These criteria may vary by type of facilities and may
13 consider natural site characteristics and engineered protection.
14 Criteria may be established for:

- 15 (1) Geology;
16 (2) Surface and groundwater hydrology;
17 (3) Soils;
18 (4) Flooding;
19 (5) Climatic factors;
20 (6) Unique or endangered flora and fauna;
21 (7) Transportation routes;
22 (8) Site access;
23 (9) Buffer zones;
24 (10) Availability of utilities and public services;
25 (11) Compatibility with existing uses of land;
26 (12) Shorelines and wetlands;
27 (13) Sole-source aquifers;
28 (14) Natural hazards; and

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1 (15) Other factors as determined by the department."

2 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
3 references.

4 On page 17, line 29, strike "14" and insert "15"

EFFECT: The Department of Ecology would be required to develop, adopt, and enforce criteria for siting tailings facilities.