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**SSB 5705** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on General Government & Information Technology

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

(1) The commission must establish and maintain an advisory committee to represent the interests of small scale mineral prospectors and miners to the commission and the department on matters including, but not limited to, issues relating to:

(a) Individual hydraulic project approval permit processing under this chapter;

(b) Relevant rules and proposed rule changes under this chapter; and

(c) The gold and fish pamphlet established under RCW 77.55.091.

(2) The advisory committee must serve as a collaborative forum for regular communication of both ongoing and emergent issues relating to mineral prospecting and mining.

(3) The advisory committee must consist of between five and nine members, as determined by the commission. In determining the size and membership of the advisory committee, the commission must consult with and consider nominations from appropriate small scale mineral prospecting and mining groups.

(4) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation and is not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses.

(5) The advisory committee may not meet more than four times in each calendar year.

(6) For the purposes of this act, small scale mineral prospectors and miners means individuals who engage in small scale prospecting and mining as defined in RCW 77.55.011.

(7) This section expires July 1, 2020. Prior to July 1, 2020, the department must provide a report to the legislature, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, detailing the effectiveness of the advisory committee including, but not limited to, the participation levels, general interest, quality of advice, and recommendations as to the advisory committee's continuance or modification.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

Correct the title.

EFFECT: Limits the advisory committee to four meetings a year, removes language entitling advisory committee members to be reimbursed for travel expenses, and terminates the authority for the advisory committee after five years (following a report from the department of fish and wildlife regarding the effectiveness of the advisory committee and making any suggestions to an extension of the termination date). Adds a null and void clause. The bill is null and void unless funded in the budget.