

SSB 5705 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on General Government & Information Technology

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (7) This section expires July 1, 2020. Prior to July 1, 2020, the  
31 department must provide a report to the legislature, consistent with  
32 RCW 43.01.036, detailing the effectiveness of the advisory committee  
33 including, but not limited to, the participation levels, general

1 interest, quality of advice, and recommendations as to the advisory  
2 committee's continuance or modification.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
4 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
5 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
6 act is null and void."

7 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.

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