

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB1941 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 6227 |
| Author: | Speaker McCall |
| Date: | 2/13/2023 |
| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

HB 1941, as introduced, modifies the definition of "operator" as it pertains to the Mining Lands Reclamation Act, and creates a definition for "contract miner".

The "operator" shall be any person, partnership, firm or corporation engaged in and controlling a mining operation, regardless of whether they actually conduct the mining activities.

The "contract miner" is the entity that actually conducts the mining activities on behalf of an operator.

The measure requires an application for any mining permit to indicate whether the operator or a contract miner will be conducting the mining activities. If a contract miner is used, they must be identified in the application. Operators using contract miners are subject to all applicable notice and hearing requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

While the Department of Mines believes these changes will require a little more administrative work by the Dept., it does not believe the changes in HB1941 will create a fiscal impact for the agency. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.