

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3883
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Author:	Speaker McCall
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Impact:	\$20,000 per year

Research Analysis

HB 3883 changes the type of hearing a resident, property owner, or other interested person may request in order to protest the issuance of a mining permit. Currently a person may request an informal conference or a public hearing. HB 3883 requires them to request a formal hearing with the Department of Mines.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Department of Mines estimates that average number of informal hearings that would be converted to a formal hearing to be 7. Informal hearings currently costs about \$1000 per conference. Formal hearing would add about \$2,000 in legal costs and an additional \$400 in travel costs adding approximately \$16,800 in costs to the first hearing ($\$2,400 \times 7 = \$16,800$).

Once a Departmental Decision has been made another formal hearing can be asked for, and Mines believes about 4 out of the 7 would request the second formal hearing based on numbers under the current law. While the post decision hearings are currently formal hearings so there is no increase in legal costs, the bill requires additional travel costs of about \$800 per case, so the total increase would be about \$3,200 to Mines ($4 \times \$800 = \$3,200$).

In total the Department of Mines expects the average annual costs to increase about \$20,000 a year ($\$16,800 + \$3,200 = \$20,000$).

In addition to the costs to the State, citizens would bear an additional costs of having legal council in both formal hearings.

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Other Considerations

None.