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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3884 changes the Department of Mines into a Division of Mines at DEQ, and updates statutes to reflect the change. Of note, although the act allows the personnel transferred to keep their current salary, seniority, leave, sick and annual time earned, and any retirement benefits, it does not require that any get transferred. The language states "shall be transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality at the discretion of the Executive Director. "

Current budget of the Dept. of Mines would most likely need to continue at DEQ in order to operate the required programs. DEQ would also need to do some office renovations, moving costs of furniture and records, and reprinting of forms and updating materials. A bigger impact is parking. DEQ already does not have enough parking for current staffing, and this would add about 20 more employees that they would need to lease spaces for, which is a bit difficult due to the location of DEQ's office.

FY'23 Impact: \$100,000.00-\$120,000.00

Full Year Impact: \$100,000.00-\$120,000.00

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