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Research Analysis

HB 4264 as introduced modifies the responsible party in specified ODM permit applications from "applicant" to "operator." Adds a definition for "contract miner." Requires mining permit applications, surface mining permit applications, and underground mining permit applications to indicate whether the operator will conduct mining activities itself, or whether the operator intends to use a contract miner to conduct mining activities. Specified mining permit applications must clearly identify contract miners if utilized. Requires mining permit applications to include a statement that the operator has the right and power by legal estate to mine land. Requires underground mining permit applications to include a statement that the operator has the right and power by legal estate owned to use the land described as refuse disposal. Requires that changes in mining activities from an operator to a contract miner be subject to notice and hearing requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 4264 adds and modifies statutory definitions and requirements regarding mine operators utilizing contract miners as part of a mining operation. Upon review, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.