

S.F. No. 1751 – Recommendations of the Aggregate Resources Task Force (As Amended by the A-4 Amendment)

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Section 1 [Metropolitan Area Comprehensive Plans Must Protect Aggregate Resources] requires metropolitan area comprehensive plans to include an assessment of the impact of land use designations and easements on access to aggregate resources. This is in addition to the current requirement that those plans include the local government's "goals, intentions, and priorities" concerning aggregate resources.

Section 2 [Audit of Aggregate Tax] requires the Office of the Legislative Auditor to conduct a program audit of the Aggregate Production Tax.

Section 3 [Recommendations for Further Statutory Changes] requires the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to make recommendations to the chairs and ranking members of the appropriate legislative committees for statutory changes that would facilitate local government permitting processes that adequately protect the state's aggregate sources and foster environmentally sound reclamation at former aggregate mining sites.

Section 4 [Appropriations for Aggregate Mapping] appropriates \$950,000 in both fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources for aggregate mapping, to update the department's handbook on aggregate mine reclamation, to provide technical assistance to local governments, and to develop the recommendations required by section 3. Establishes a base budget of \$950,000 for fiscal year 2028 through fiscal year 2034.

The OLA report found that 57 Counties remain unmapped and estimated that the DNR could complete 6 maps per year for \$950,00 each year = 9.5 years to estimated completion.

Section 5 [Appropriations for Aggregate Resource Inventory Updates] appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to update the metropolitan area aggregate resources inventory.



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