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Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Mining permit applications-objections.**
Subject: Amending the process for objecting and resolving objections for mining permit applications.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The act amends the procedures for objecting to a mining permit application. The act provides two (2) separate procedures: one (1) for coal mining permit applications and (1) one for all other mining permit applications.
- For coal mining permits, a person has thirty (30) days to object after the final required notice is published. The applicant and objector can request that the director of the Department of Environmental Quality hold an informal conference to resolve the objection; the conference must be noticed through newspaper publication and must be held in the locality of the proposed mining operation. The director has thirty (30) days to resolve the objection if no informal conference is held, and sixty (60) days if there is an informal conference.
- For all other permits, a person has thirty (30) days to object after the final required notice is published. The Land Quality Division Administrator of the Department reviews the objection and makes recommendations to the director, who makes a final written decision on the objection within thirty (30) days.
- For all mining permit applications, either party can appeal the decision to the Environmental Quality Council. Any person who fails to object to an application has no right of appeal.

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