



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Rep. Curry**Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture**Fiscal Analyst:** Marc Carey (303-866-4102)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING INCREASED PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE CONTENTS OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT MINING OPERATIONS.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill specifies that all information provided to the Mined Land Reclamation Board in a notice of intent to conduct prospecting or a modification of an existing notice, is a matter of public record and is subject to the open records act. The bill exempts information relating to the location, size, or nature of the mineral deposit, and other information designated by the operator as proprietary, from this specification. The bill requires the person filing the notice to provide an electronic version to the board in a format determined by the board. The board is then required to post the electronic notice on its web site. The bill will be effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, and applies to notices of intent to prospect submitted on or after this date.

**Assessment**

This bill makes all information provided to the board in a notice of intent to prospect, except for certain locational and proprietary information, a matter of public record. The bill requires the applicant to provide the board with an electronic copy of the notice that the board is then required to post on its website. This additional requirement for the board may be done within existing appropriations. Thus, the bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Departments Contacted**

Natural Resources