

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 11, 2016
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SJM16-001 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred out to the Senate for final action:

1 Amend printed joint memorial, page 3, after line 5 insert:

2 "WHEREAS, While Good Samaritan legislation provides an
3 important opportunity for third-party reclamation efforts, it should not
4 excuse from liability those entities that, under existing environmental
5 regulations, bear responsibility for remediation of historic mines; and

6 WHEREAS, Public and local watershed input is critical for any
7 proposed plan to remediate an abandoned hard rock mine; and

8 WHEREAS, Good Samaritan legislation should not be considered
9 a substitute for comprehensive reforms, including adequate federal
10 funding, for the remediation of abandoned hard rock mines across the
11 state and region; and".

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