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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 839 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson  
Committee: Natural Resources

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 632 (Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in making certain determinations about amending a mining permit, to consider whether environmental impacts would be materially increased by approving proposed amendments to the permit.
- Require the DEQ to hold a public meeting on a request for an amendment to an approved mining permit if the request were a significant change from the conditions of the approved permit.
- Allow a mining operator to modify surface or underground facilities without obtaining an amendment to a mining permit, under certain conditions.

Regarding the last provision, the bill specifies that a permittee could relocate, reconfigure, or modify surface or underground facilities, buildings, or equipment, other than a tailings basin or a stockpile, without obtaining an amendment to the permit if both of the following applied:

- The relocation, reconfiguration, or modification took place within the permitted mining area and did not require an amendment to any other permits issued by the DEQ.
- The permittee provided written notice to the DEQ at least 30 days before undertaking the relocation, reconfiguration, or modification.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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