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Statement on Assembly Mining Legislation Proposal

Madison – Today, in the State Assembly, a proposal to revise Wisconsin’s metallic mining law was offered. Senator Neal Kedzie (R-Elkhorn), Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Mining Jobs, released the following statement:

Lawmakers in the Senate and Assembly have a charge to both review Wisconsin’s current metallic mining regulations and potentially make the appropriate and necessary changes to provide certainty in the permitting process for such activities. The Senate Select Committee on Mining Jobs recently met in a public forum to discuss the current regulatory framework for mining, as well as Wisconsin’s past and present mining operations, and what revisions may be required for any such future endeavor.

While I have yet to fully review the Assembly proposal, I believe it could serve as a basis for our discussions here in the Senate, as the Senate Committee makes plans for additional public hearings. The Committee may utilize this proposed legislation as a foundation for any subsequent meetings, but certainly will remain open to any options to make reasonable changes to this bill as the Senate Committee deems necessary.

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Senate Select Mining Jobs Committee Web site:
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/sen11/news/miningjobscommittee.htm>