

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 668

**PRINTER NO.** 629

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 26, 2021

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative James

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 668 amends Act 418 of 1945, known as the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, to add members to the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board.

This bill adds an operator or employee of a coal refuse energy and reclamation facility as an additional member of the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board. This position on the board is contingent upon the operation of a coal refuse facility in the Commonwealth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 668 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the Department of Environmental Protection, committees within the department have been offered virtual participation since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result, the department does not expect an increase in costs associated with the addition of a member to the board.