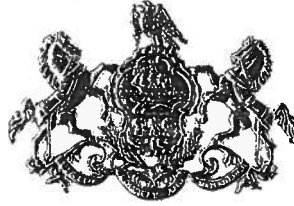


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TO: All Senators

FR: Senator Don White *DCW*

RE: Co-sponsorship: Indigenous Mineral Resources Incentives Development Act

I plan to re-introduce legislation (Senate Bill 1159 from last session) which would allow the Department of General Services (DGS) to make and execute contracts or leases for the mining or removal of any valuable mineral resources that may be found in state lands or under waters of the Commonwealth. Under current law, only the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Game Commission are authorized to enter into leases for mineral resource development.

I recently learned there is interest in mining coal from a location currently owned by the Commonwealth in my district. To facilitate this project, as well as others which may exist, this legislation would allow DGS to enter into leases or contacts with companies interested in extracting mineral resources. The language in this bill is similar to the provisions of Act 18 of 1995, which authorizes the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to lease state forest and park land.

Under the bill, which would be known as the "Indigenous Mineral Resources Incentives Development Act," any payments or royalties received by the department would be deposited in the Environmental Stewardship Fund.

Cosponsors from last session were: D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, M. WHITE, EARLL, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, SCARNATI and STOUT.

If you would like to cosponsor this bill, please contact Anne Achenbach at aachenbach@pasen.gov or call 7-8724.

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