

FRIENDS OF THE BOUNDARY WATERS

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



PROVE IT FIRST

HF 954/SF 1382

Common sense protection for Minnesota

The Prove It First (HF 954/SF 1382) bill simply requires that an applicant seeking a permit to open a copper-sulfide mine prove that a similar mine has operated and closed without causing pollution.

Before they put a shovel into the ground, they need to show Minnesotans an example of a copper-sulfide mine that has operated for at least ten years and has been closed for ten years, without causing pollution.

BAD ACTOR BILL

HF 1197/SF 1744

Keep corrupt companies out of Minnesota

The Nonferrous Mining Bad Actor Bill (HF 1197/SF 1744) would prevent Minnesota from issuing nonferrous mining permits to “bad actors” who have violated specific international laws including corruption, bribery, or natural resources destruction. This simple, common-sense standard will ensure Minnesota’s clean water is not placed in the hands of notorious international mining conglomerates with no regard for Minnesota’s environment.

These are the last companies that Minnesota should trust with the future of the state’s clean water. This bill will prevent them from doing business in Minnesota.

TAX PAYER PROTECTION

HF 955/SF 1383

Protecting Minnesota Taxpayers from Liability

The Taxpayer Protection Act (HF 955/SF 1383) would require nonferrous (non-iron) mining companies to fully fund any financial assurance package upfront and in cash. This bill would protect Minnesota taxpayers from being forced to pay for any environmental clean-up resulting from the nonferrous mining operation.

PERMANENT PROTECTION BILL

SF 875/HF 309

Keep the Boundary Waters Pristine!

The Permanent Protection (SF 875/HF 309) bill would prohibit copper-nickel sulfide mine operations on State-owned lands in the Rainy River watershed, and bar the issuance of non-ferrous mining permits on these lands.

The bill applies to copper-nickel sulfide mining and does *not* prohibit or otherwise impact existing or future taconite, iron ore, sand, gravel, and granite mining.

CONTACT US!

→ **Steve Schultz**
Government Relations Director
steve@friends-bwca.org
612.812.1647

→ **Betsy Foy**
Government Relations Associate
betsyfoy@friends-bwca.org
612.293.0829

Twin Cities Office
2550 University Ave. W., Suite 180S, St. Paul, MN 55114

Ely Office
8 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731

www.friends-bwca.org