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## **Overview**

This bill would remove a provision passed in 2013 that required the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to adopt rules governing the reclamation of silica sand mines and instead require the DNR to publish a model ordinance in the State Register.

The DNR has prepared preliminary draft silica sand mine reclamation rules but has not yet adopted final rules. The DNR is requesting that the model ordinance approach be taken instead due to legal, financial, and other reasons.