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Chapter No.: 46

Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Source material associated with mining-agreement.**

Subject: Authorizing the Governor to negotiate with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission for assuming regulatory authority over specified source material.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the Governor to negotiate on behalf of the state of Wyoming with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the state to assume primary regulatory authority over source material (generally, uranium or thorium) recovered from any mineral resources processed primarily for purposes other than obtaining the source material.
- If an agreement between the state and the NRC is completed, the state would assume regulatory primacy over the source material recovered from mineral resource processing. Then, under state law, the Department of Environmental Quality would be authorized to issue (or suspend and revoke) licenses for the possession and use of source material recovered from mineral resources.
- The act requires the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt a fee structure for licenses for source material recovered from mineral resources and to promulgate rules for the regulation of this source material.
- The act authorizes two (2) full-time positions for the Department of Environmental Quality and appropriates one million eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$1,840,000) for the Department to implement this act. The appropriation and positions are authorized until June 30, 2026.

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