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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representative Chandler)

Brief Description: Changing administration of the wastewater discharge permit program.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Provides that, in administering the wastewater discharge permit program, the department shall: (1) Identify industry-wide or basin-wide problems and needs;

(2) establish permit requirements that fairly allocate the costs of water quality pollution control among point and nonpoint dischargers;

(3) develop permit fees using a work load model;

(4) streamline permit requirements for currently permitted small volume dischargers by expeditiously establishing a de minimis discharger category; and

(5) reduce the overall number and scope of special studies required of a permitted discharger.

Declares that the following overhead expenses shall not be supported through permit fees: appeals, rule development, training of staff who are not included in the work load model; and development of a sediments program.

Makes an appropriation of one hundred ten thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of the act.