

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Nelson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 17 – 4 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields,

Nays: Gilman, Richardson, G. Smith

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett

Nays: Girod

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/9, 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires person who drills certain types of geotechnical holes to submit a report to the Water Resources Department within 30 days of drilling. Applies to geotechnical holes greater than 18 feet deep, within 50 feet of a water supply or monitoring well, used to determine water quality and open less than 72 hours or drilled in an area known or reasonably suspected to be contaminated. Identifies person responsible for submittal of report. Authorizes department to adopt rules prescribing the form of the report. Sets recording fee for each report at \$25; except if more than one geotechnical hole is drilled within seven days at the same project site, sets recording fee at \$10 for each subsequent hole. Establishes Water Resources Department Geotechnical Fund and directs that fee revenue be appropriated to department for duties, functions and powers related to geotechnical holes. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Anticipated revenues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: Geotechnical holes are drilled or constructed to evaluate subsurface data for a variety of reasons, including testing soils and ground water for the presence of contaminants. These holes are not considered wells and are not subject to the same requirements as water wells or monitoring wells.