

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Weidner, Bentz, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/4, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to consult with applicants regarding Federal Water Pollution Control Act variances.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Gives local municipalities effective way to implement clean water standards
- Fish toxins affect certain population groups more than others

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Instructs the Department to weigh the economic impact and human health concerns in granting variances.

BACKGROUND: When the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) grants a variance it consults with the applicant to minimize negative economic impacts caused by the variance. House Bill 3591-A requires DEQ to report to the Legislative Assembly regarding information on the variances granted.