

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Weidner, Bentz, Read
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Meeting Dates:	4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that Department of Agriculture water quality management plans, rules, and programs are for non-point pollution on agriculture and rural lands.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Non-point sources of water pollution are often from agricultural lands
- Reducing pollution to maximum extent possible is vague

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3613-A clarifies the roles of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Agriculture in regulating water quality pollution for non-point sources of pollution. The measure does not take any authority in regulating total maximum daily loads from the Department of Environmental Quality or the Environmental Quality Commission.