

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	Olsen, Thomsen
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/22, 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to establish greenhouse gas emissions fee for sources subject to federal Title V air quality program due to greenhouse gas emissions. Limits fee to \$4,000 for sources subject to permit program due to emission of greenhouse gases and not other regulated pollutants. Limits fee to \$600 for sources subject to permit program due to greenhouse gas emissions and other regulated pollutants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of facilities potentially affected by legislation
- Federal law requirement that program be funded by fees
- Fee structure for facilities subject to permit requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Revises definition of greenhouse gas.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an endangerment finding that greenhouse gas emissions threaten public health and welfare. Effective January 2, 2011, EPA requires states to implement greenhouse gas permitting in accordance with Title V of the federal Clean Air Act. The EQC currently has the authority to include greenhouse gases in Title V permits, but does not have authority to establish greenhouse gas emissions fees for the federal permit program. SB 79 A would give EQC authority to establish such fees.