

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:	3/31, 4/19, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions related to civil penalties by Water Resources Commission, Department of State Lands, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Energy and Department of Environmental Quality. Directs certain penalties to Department of Justice Protection (DOJ) and Education Revolving Account. Requires fine imposed in certain environmental crimes cases be in form of restitution. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2009 legislation that created DOJ account
- Use of civil penalty money to fund enforcement actions
- Injunction authority under state agency statutes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, Senate Bill 797 changed the name of the Consumer Protection and Education Revolving Account to the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account (Account) and added criminal environmental lawsuits to the list of activities that could be funded by the Account. Senate Bill 941 A would direct certain penalties imposed in environmental cases to the Account. The measure would also standardize the authority of the state natural resource agencies to obtain injunctive relief.