

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases fees for oil spill prevention program. Expands uses of moneys in Oil Spillage Control Fund to include planning and preparedness activities. Expands reporting requirements to include the penalties recovered by the department for civil penalties for the willful and negligent discharge of oil and the activities of the Department of Environmental Quality in collecting penalties for oil spills.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- stakeholder support for program
- program does not apply to oil transported by rail
- fee adjustment assumed in the Co-Chair budget for DEQ

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The oil spill prevention program is in place, administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. The department is responsible for collecting fees for the program, and civil penalties for oil spills.