

SB 1563

Relating to on-site septic system financing

On February 23rd, the Natural Resources Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of SB 1563.

SB 1563 authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to award a grant to develop and implement a low interest loan program for repairing, replacing and upgrading onsite septic systems and connecting to sewer systems. The bill appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to DEQ, of which a minimum of \$200,000 GF must be used no later than September 1, 2016 for a grant to a third party to operate the loan program. DEQ is allowed to use up to \$50,000 for the administrative costs of implementing the bill.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 1563 be reported out do pass.