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Measure Description:

Modifies underground storage tank fees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Other Funds	656,324	656,324
Total Funds	\$656,324	\$656,324
Positions	3	3
FTE	3.00	3.00
Summary of Revenue	Impact	
	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Other Funds	857,990	1,744,080
Total Funds	\$857,990	\$1,744,080

Analysis:

HB 2268-1 increases the fees for underground storage tanks over time as follows: \$195 for the calendar year 2018, \$245 for the calendar year 2019, \$295 for the calendar year 2020, and \$325 for the calendar year 2021 and beyond. The current underground storage tank fee is \$135 per tank per calendar year.

The additional revenue will be used to restore 2 positions (2.00 FTE), which will be classified as Natural Resource Specialist 3, and whose duties will be to inspect facilities with underground storage tanks for compliance with Environmental Protection Agency and DEQ requirements, which mandate the inspection of underground storage tanks every 3 years. The bill will also allow for the addition of a new position (1.00 FTE), classified as a Program Analyst 2, whose duties will be to plan and administer program directives and work with managers and staff to implement new rulemaking, procedures, and processes. Due to a lack of funds, the DEQ has been unable to maintain inspection requirements for underground storage tanks since March of 2016.