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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules establishing environmental regulations at least as stringent as those provided under federal law on January 19, 2017.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Energy and Environment to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill requires stipulates that the Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality may not amend or revise the commission's rules to be less stringent than the baseline federal standards. The bill also requires natural resource agencies to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly that identifies each federal environmental law it has been delegated the authority to administer, and provide a statement as whether the agency believes any proposed federal rulemaking would result in federal standards and requirements that are less stringent than baseline federal standards. The agencies anticipate having a fiscal impact associated with this bill, the amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Senate Committee on Rules.

Further Analysis Required