

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 40

Relating to heating oil tank regulatory program

SB 40 increases the annual license fees for businesses and individuals engaged in heating oil tank services and modifies the certification fee for corrective actions into a tiered system based on the complexity of the necessary action.

The revenue from the annual license fees fund the Department of Environmental Quality's Underground Storage Tank Program and have not been changed since the program was established in 1999. The certification fees were last raised in 2007. Current revenue is not sufficient to support the four existing positions within the program. The increases are expected to generate \$383,959 Other Funds in the 2019-21 biennium, which will allow the Department to fully fund the current program. The Department's budget bill, HB 5017, assumes passage of this fee increase.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 40 be reported out do pass.