

**HB 3208 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to annually adjust, by up to three percent, fees associated with various programs administered by the Department of Environmental Quality, including sewage disposal and associated licensing, septage treatment, subsurface injection of fluids, and fees for state certification under Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Adds fees for sewage treatment works certification to fees adjusted by Commission rulemaking.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Certain water quality programs provided by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are fully or partially funded by revenue generated from permit or certification fees. Some fees, like those for wastewater permits, are adjusted by rule. Others, such as those related to onsite septic permitting and inspections, dredge and fill certifications, underground injection control permits, and wastewater operator certifications, are defined by statute and adjustments to are generally not made on a routine basis.

House Bill 3208 would authorize the Environmental Quality Commission to annually adjust fees for certain DEQ programs up to a maximum amount of three percent per calendar year.