

HB 3208 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Environmental Quality 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, sewage treatment works certification, and fees for state certification under Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Repeals statutorily established fee schedule for subsurface injection of fluids.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 34; Nays, 23

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 established by statute and adjustments are generally not made on a routine basis.

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