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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 31, 2023

Subject: SB 835 – Relating to subsurface sewage disposal
Work Session Recommendations

SB 835 - A directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules setting forth the conditions for approving a proposal to permanently connect an accessory dwelling unit located on the same lot or parcel as a single-family dwelling, to the same subsurface sewage disposal system or alternative sewage disposal system as the single-family dwelling.

The fiscal impact statement for this measure indicates that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would hire one limited-duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to conduct rulemaking, as well as to create an implementation plan and guidance for counties and installers regarding the new rules. Funding for this position is not included in SB 835, as it is assumed that existing resources, as well as the position provided in SB 931 (2023) will be used for implementation of this measure. If SB 931 does not pass, DEQ may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session to request additional resources in order to comply with the provisions of this measure.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 835 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 835 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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