

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 931

Relating to sewage disposal system permits

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

SB 931 permits the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules to determine whether a community or area-wide sewerage system is available. The rules must consider legal and physical availability; the scope of the proposed repairs to an existing or alternative subsurface sewage disposal system; the cost of repairs to an existing system compared to connecting to a sewerage system; statewide planning goals; and environmental and public health concerns.

A total of \$237,072 General Fund is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality to hire one limited duration position to assist with rulemaking, and provide training and technical assistance to county staff and other stakeholders.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 931 be amended by the – A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.