

HB 3269 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/31, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in consultation with stakeholders if necessary, to study and develop strategies to fund DEQ's emergency response program. Directs DEQ to provide update on progress of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than January 15, 2022. Directs DEQ to provide final report on study and recommendations for legislation to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than June 15, 2022. Sunsets Act on January 2, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Emergency Response Program works to prevent and respond to spills of oil and hazardous materials, including herbicides, insecticides, residues resulting from any industrial or manufacturing process, and other materials that pose a substantial threat to human health or the environment. Hazardous waste management fees collected from producers are partially used to fund the Emergency Response Program.

HB 3269 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in consultation with stakeholders to study and develop strategies to fund DEQ's emergency response program, provide update on progress of the study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than January 15, 2022, and to provide a final report no later than June 15, 2022.