

## HB 3269 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Energy and Environment

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**Action Date:** 04/07/21

**Action:** Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Helm, Marsh, Moore-Green, Owens, Pham, Smith DB, Speaker Kotek

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/31, 4/7

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to study and develop strategies to fund DEQ's emergency response program. Authorizes DEQ to consult and conduct facilitated discussions with stakeholders in conducting the study. 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:

- Numbers and types of responses to spills
- Department of Environmental Quality's staffing needs
- Gaps in current emergency response program funding

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Department of Environmental Quality's 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.

House Bill 3269 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 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, and to provide a final report on June 15, 2022.