

HB 3429 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/15, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination consisting of 11 members. Requires task force to: 1) study commercially available materials for petroleum leakage containment and petroleum carrier protection that are approved by the United States Department of Defense to provide significant reduction or total containment of petroleum contamination; 2) identify available and affordable technology that prevents petroleum spills; and 3) determine a reasonable manner of transition for industry and government petroleum carriers to adopt the technology and minimize the risk of environmental damage associated with petroleum spills. Establishes criteria and guidelines for task force's work and responsibilities. Requires task force to report findings and recommendations to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to transportation on or before September 15, 2024. Sunsets task force December 31, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued*
- *REVENUE: No revenue impact*

Subsequent Referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of petroleum contamination
- Prevention of petroleum spills
- Provisions of task force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Petroleum, or crude oil, is extracted from many places around the world and has many uses. The fossil fuel must be extracted, transported to refineries to be made into end products, and delivered to the places where it will ultimately be used. When certain hydrocarbons that compose petroleum are released into the environment, they can be toxic and present a threat to the environment. Plants, animals, and humans may be negatively affected by petroleum contamination, resulting in damaged ecosystems and risks to human health. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, response to petroleum contamination can include containment, recovery, and using clean-up equipment.

House Bill 3429 would establish a Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination.