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Creates the Air Quality Monitoring Commission

Proposed law creates the Air Quality Monitoring Commission including the composition of the commission’s 16 members and membership limitations. Commission members shall not be compensated for their services but may seek travel reimbursements from their respective agencies. The bill provides that the commission has the authority to approve the installation, location, and quantity of monitoring systems used by facilities. The bill gives the commission authority to notify the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the department, and local governmental entities when toxic air pollutants register above certain levels and order a facility to shut down production when above such levels. Proposed law requires each facility with a federally enforceable air permit to install monitors as approved by the commission, including real-time and continuous air quality data and air sampling reported on a real-time website available to the public. Proposed law requires such facilities to develop a plan for assistance by local first responders in the event of an unplanned release of toxic air pollutants. Effective upon governor's signature.

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State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State and local governmental agencies will incur nominal travel related costs for commission members to attend meetings and attend to commission business. The commission will also likely incur costs to approve monitoring systems, notify parties regarding hazardous air releases, and shut down hazardous production facilities. To the extent that existing DEQ resources are utilized for these purposes, additional costs will be mitigated. However, there is no way to estimate these costs because the bill does not define the air standards that facilities must meet. The bill also requires that facilities violating the bill’s requirements shall be subject to DEQ’s enforcement procedures under current law. However, there is no way for DEQ to enforce the bill’s requirements if the proposed legislation does not reference existing air quality regulations/laws to measure threats to human health or the environment or give the commission authority to establish such standards.

DEQ estimates the initial cost of setting up a monitoring station to be approximately \$200,000 (including the gas chromatograph, shelter, met tower, calibration cylinders, labor, website, and other required equipment). This \$200,000 per monitor does not include ongoing operating costs that includes personnel, the leasing of property to locate the monitors (if not on facility property), utilities and other ongoing maintenance. The LFO anticipates that the cost of these stations will be borne by industry.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

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☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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