

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1609

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Mugler

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Nutrient credit use; land-disturbing activity by wastewater utility.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that, with the exception of certain MS4 permittee transfers, nutrient credits or sediment credits generated by a project undertaken by a public body and certified by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are to be used only by such public body and only for the purpose of compliance with state water control law. The public body may, with certain limitations, use such point source credits if it notifies the DEQ, adopts a ratio of 10 point source nitrogen credits for each point source phosphorus credit used, and if the credits are classified as permanent by means of a wasteload allocation.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact to the Department of Environmental Quality can be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is now a companion to SB747.