

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1639

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

**2. Patron:** Guzman

**3. Committee:** Passed the House

**4. Title:** Department of Environmental Quality; work group to research rural fill disposal.

**5. Summary:** Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to convene a work group to research the practice of rural landowners allowing, or allowing for compensation, the use of their lands as disposal sites for construction fill and debris from road construction and development projects. The work group shall consider recommending regulations for possible adoption by DEQ, including a regulation containing a model ordinance relating to the practice for adoption by localities, and statutory changes, including changes to the practice related to agricultural engineering operations and construction of terraces.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) anticipates that the activities in this bill will cost the agency \$50,000 for contractual support to facilitate meetings and assist with report development. DEQ anticipates these costs can be absorbed within resources included in HB30/SB30 as introduced, which provides \$31 million in general fund support over the biennium to restore and enhance DEQ's capacity in several programs. In the event funds are removed, the agency may require additional resources.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.