

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB644

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

2. Patron: Hurst

3. Committee: Passed the House

4. Title: Pipeline construction projects; water quality violations; cumulative effect; civil penalties.

5. Summary: Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations to penalize the accrual of water quality violations by any large natural gas transmission pipeline construction project. The regulations are to provide that for every 10 such violations in one calendar month, the Board shall issue an accrued cumulative impact violation order that includes a civil penalty of \$32,500. If a project accrues a total of 20 water quality violations in one calendar month, the Board shall additionally revoke the pipeline project's certification under § 401 of the federal Clean Water Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Any potential nongeneral fund revenue impact resulting from this measure is indeterminate, as it is not possible to estimate the number of violations that will occur.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.