(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the establishment and collection of fees for the issuance and renewal of wastewater treatment plant operator certificates by the department of ecology.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) With the advice of an advisory committee, establish an initial fee schedule by rule;

- (2) Conduct a workload analysis to determine a biennial budget estimate for the wastewater treatment plant operator certification program each biennium; and
- (3) Assess and collect fees from wastewater treatment plant operators at a level that recovers the costs identified in its biennial operating budget.