

**HB 2298 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

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) Conduct a workload analysis and prepare a biennial budget estimate for the wastewater treatment plant operator certification program; and

(2) Assess and collect fees from wastewater treatment plant operators at a level that recovers the costs identified in its biennial operating budget.