

2824

Sponsor(s): Representatives Jarrett, Linville, Armstrong, Moeller, Clibborn, Shabro, Edwards, Romero and Schindler

Brief Description: Establishing permit processing timelines and reporting requirements for state agencies.

**HB 2824 - DIGEST**

Finds that the timely issuance of project permit decisions by the department of ecology and the department of fish and wildlife serves the public interest.

Finds that full access to relevant performance data produced annually by the department of ecology and the department of fish and wildlife for each type of permit application affords elected officials, project proponents, and the general public the opportunity to review and compare the permit application and processing performance of agencies.

Finds that the review and comparison of this data, and the requirement to provide convenient and direct internet access to germane and consistent reports, will likely foster improved methods for processing applications, and issuing project permit decisions in a timely manner.

Declares an intent to establish requirements for the department of ecology and the department of fish and wildlife to produce and provide access to annual permitting performance reports.