

HCS HB 1158 -- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Pietzman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide assistance to small business permit applicants throughout the permitting process by designating one or more people who are trained in the process to assist applicants. The staff must be trained in the permit application process, but not involved in the review or approval of permits. No later than January 1, 2020, the department must post on its website exemplars of completed and approved permit applications.

If the department fails to provide the required assistance, the department must reduce the fees associated with each permit it issues to the applicant by an amount equal to the costs the applicant incurred to seek assistance from outside sources.