

NATURAL RESOURCES - AIR, WASTE AND CONTAMINATED LAND

Consolidated Brownfields Grant Program
[LFB Paper #573]

Motion:

Move to approve Alternatives A2 and C4. In addition, allow Commerce to review applications received by the Department of Commerce in October 2002 for brownfields grants, rank them using the 2002-03 Commerce scoring structure, and make awards to eligible applicants totaling up to \$6,250,000 in funding provided for the Commerce brownfields grant program in 2003-04. Allow DNR to review applications received by DNR for green space grants in January, 2003, rank them under 2002-03 scoring criteria for green space grants, and make awards to eligible applicants totaling up to \$1,000,000 in funding provided for the DNR brownfield green space grant program in the 2003-05 biennium.

Note:

Alternative A2 in LFB Budget Paper #573 would delete the proposed consolidation of brownfields grant programs in DNR. It would retain the current Commerce brownfields grant program with \$7,000,000 SEG annually and the DNR brownfields site assessment grant program with \$1,700,000 SEG annually. It would also retain the existing DNR brownfields green space grant program and provide \$500,000 SEG annually. Finally, it would repeal the DNR sustainable urban development zone program. The transition funding language for fiscal year 2002-03 applicants would apply to applicants for the Commerce brownfields grant program and DNR green space grant program.

The motion would also restore \$308,400 SEG petroleum inspection fund annually and 2.5 SEG positions in Commerce for administering the Commerce brownfields grant program.

[Change to Bill: \$616,800 SEG petroleum inspection fund and 2.5 SEG positions]