

NATURAL RESOURCES

Brownfields Administrative Fundim

Motion:

Move to create an appropriation in DNR from the segregated environmental management account of the environmental fund for brownfields general operations. Transfer \$230,300 SEG and 3.0 SEG central office positions annually from the remediation and redevelopment program of the Air and Waste Division general operations appropriation to the new brownfields general operations appropriation.

In addition, modify the Joint Finance action that reduced the DNR Air and Waste Division operations appropriation from the environmental management account by \$1,120,000 SEG annually, and authorized DNR to submit an alternative plan to DOA and DOA to submit the plan to the Joint Committee on Finance under a 14-day passive review procedure. Require that if DNR or DOA submit an alternative budget reduction plan, the plan may not include a request to allocate any of the expenditure reductions to the new brownfields operations appropriation.

Note:

One of the sections in the DNR remediation and redevelopment program in the Air and Waste Division is a brownfields section that has six positions in the central office. Three of the positions are funded from the segregated environmental management account of the environmental fund. The other three positions are funded from GPR, FED and PR. Other remediation and redevelopment program staff in regional offices perform brownfields-related activities as a part of their duties. Remediation and redevelopment program staff in the central and regional offices also perform activities related to contaminated land cleanup activities, such as state-funded response cleanup, emergency spills response, and response to abandoned containers. The motion would transfer the three central office brownfields SEG positions and associated salary, fringe benefits and supplies to a separate SEG appropriation from the environmental management account.

On May 13, 2003, the Joint Committee on Finance took action to transfer \$1,307,000 in environmental management account revenues from pesticide, fertilizer, soil additive and well compensation fees into the agrichemical management fund and to reduce the DNR Air and Waste

Division operations appropriation from the environmental management account by \$1,120,000 SEG annually, from \$3,868,800 to \$2,748,800. The Joint Finance action authorized DNR to submit an alternative plan to the Secretary of Administration for allocating the reduction among any of the agency's other sum certain appropriations funded from the environmental management account; directed that if DNR submits a request for reallocation of the reduction, the Department include the appropriations that the reduction would be allocated to, and a description of how many and what type of positions would be deleted under the reduction; and provided that if the DOA Secretary approves the alternative reduction plan, DOA submit the plan to the Joint Committee on Finance for its approval under a 14-day passive review procedure. The motion would prohibit DNR or DOA from requesting a reallocation of any of the reductions to the new brownfields appropriation.