

SCS SB 901, HCA 1 -- ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

SPONSOR: Goode (Townley)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute changes the regulatory authority of the Department of Natural Resources on underground storage tanks from the Clean Water Commission to the Hazardous Waste Management Commission.

The department can adopt rules and regulations more stringent than the United States Environmental Protection Agency's rules. Any rule, except those made by the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund board of trustees, will be adopted after due notice as required by Chapters 260 and 536, RSMo.

HCA 1 -- Adds language to Section 260.370 that it will prevail if there is a conflict concerning authority for the risk-based remediation rule involving Section 644.143 or 644.026(8).

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that moving oversight from the Clean Water Commission to the Hazardous Waste Management Commission will make it easier for the Department of Natural Resources to make rules and regulations regarding underground storage tanks and improve their response time to accidents.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Goode; Department of Natural Resources; and Hazardous Waste Management Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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