

HB 1058 -- CLEAN WATER LAW

SPONSOR: Miller

Currently, when a publicly owned wastewater or water treatment works serving a community of more than 3,300 residents applies for a permit, the permittee may be exempt from conducting a finding of affordability by certifying that the applicable requirements are affordable to implement. This bill expands the exemption to cover all permit applicants.

The bill modifies the definition of "finding of affordability" to mean a statement by the Department of Natural Resources stating an individual or a household receives an income equal to or lower than the median household income for the applicant community and would be required to make unreasonable sacrifices in the essential lifestyle or spending patterns or undergo hardships in order to make the projected monthly payments for the sewer services.