

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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### SB 1242 Environmental Permitting by Senator Jones

Requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to conduct a study and implement a plan to provide parity in salaries for permitting staff. Requires the DEP to develop a plan to implement the remaining phases of an e-permitting program relating to permit applications and compliance. Requires the DEP to submit such plans to the Legislature and the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. Revises the DEP's powers and duties to include maintaining a list of projects or activities that applicants may consider when developing proposals for certain projects or activities.

Prohibits local governments from specifying the format for a determination made by the DEP or a water management district that a proposed project meets authorization requirements. Prohibits local governments from requiring further verification from the DEP for certain projects that are exempt from permit requirements other than a general permit. (See bill for details)