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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
(originally sponsored by Representatives Linville and Schoesler; by
request of Department of Ecology)

Brief Description: Changing the public notification requirements
with respect to wastewater discharge permits.

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Provides that upon receipt by the department of an application, it shall immediately send notice thereof containing pertinent information to appropriate state agencies. The department shall also provide public notice of and an opportunity for public comment on proposed or draft permits or permit denials.

Requires the department to provide public notice in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the persons potentially affected by the proposed discharge and the department's actions with respect to the proposed discharge.

Specifies that methods of providing notice may include electronic mail, posting on the department's internet site, publication in newspapers, press releases, mailings, and other information media the department may determine is appropriate. When the department determines that publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the disposal of waste material is proposed to be made is the most appropriate means of providing public notice, the department shall include notification in the newspaper.