

**HB 2049 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to provide financial assistance to local permitting departments to assist them in enhancing service, improving process efficiency, and increasing predictable permitting outcomes.

Requires the office of regulatory assistance to disseminate information about best permitting practices to local government permitting departments.

Selects two local government permitting offices to participate in an enhanced permit assistance pilot program. Such enhancements may include, but are not limited to: (1) Creation of local and state interagency permit review teams;

(2) Use of advanced online permit applications;

(3) Streamlining permit processes;

(4) Using loaned executives; and

(5) Additional technical assistance and guidance for permit applicants.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, from the general fund to the office of regulatory assistance for the purposes of this act.