

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GREEN CLEANING IN SCHOOLS AND STATE AGENCIES

Encourages all school districts, community colleges, board of regents institutions, and state agencies to adopt an environmentally preferable cleaning policy for public buildings. They are to do an evaluation and assessment on implementing environmentally preferable cleaning. Allows any organization covered by the bill to opt out of implementing environmentally preferable cleaning policies based on this evaluation. Requires the Department of Administrative Services to provide information on environmentally preferable cleaning products used by the department or that the department is aware of.

HF 823 – Sent to Governor; Effective 7-1-10

PERIODIC EVALUATION OF AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Requires the DNR to review air quality emissions standards each June 1 following the adoption of new or revised federal ambient air quality standards. The DNR must submit a report by November 1 of each of these years regarding recommendations for law changes necessary for the attainment of the new revised federal standards. The DNR must hold meetings as necessary to develop recommendations for state implementation plans to control the emissions of PM 2.5, with a report due by January 1, 2011.

HF 2418 – Signed by Governor; Effective 7-1-10

WATERSHED QUALITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establishes a Watershed Quality Planning Advisory Council. The council is required to meet at least once per year and make recommendations to voluntarily improve water quality, create economic incentives for voluntary nonpoint source load reductions, point source discharge reductions, implementation of pollution prevention programs, wetland restoration and creation, development of emerging pollution control technologies, implementing total maximum daily loads, urban storm water control programs, nonpoint source management under the federal Water Pollution Control Act, new pollution control quantification procedures, broader public involvement, monitoring of flood risk and mitigation, and involving local and regional entities in watershed improvements.

HF 2459 – Signed by Governor; Effective 7-1-10

GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Creates a Green Advisory Committee. The committee will report by January 11, 2011, on the creation of a green advisory certification program to promote environmental stewardship and encourage responsible environmental management and recycling. The committee will encourage recycling projects that operate in an innovative, cost effective, technologically advanced, and environmentally sensitive manner.

HF 2496 – Sent to Governor; Effective 7-1-10

**DNR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION OMNIBUS
BILL**

Requires the DNR to submit a report, regarding greenhouse gas emissions in the state during the previous calendar year and forecasting trends, by December 31 of each year. Currently the DNR is required to submit the report by September 1 of each year. Allows DNR to apply for money for drinking water projects from the state revolving fund. Currently the DNR can only apply for waste water treatment projects.

SF 2243 – Signed by Governor; Various Effective Dates

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HF 2437 Makes changes to the private sewage disposal system inspections and groundwater hazard statements. (Signed by Governor; Effective 7-1-10)