OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 5910

AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM.

SUMMARY

Starting July 1, 2020, this bill prohibits a person, local government, or state agency from using a class B firefighting foam that contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance ("PFAS") in any amount for (1) training purposes or (2) testing purposes (i.e., calibration, conformance, and fixed system testing), unless the person or entity implemented cost containment, treatment, and disposal measures at the facility to prevent the foam’s release into the environment.

The bill also requires the Department of Public Health, starting July 1, 2019, to assist any person, local government, or state agency in evaluating and transitioning to the use of class B firefighting foam that does not contain intentionally added PFAS. Under the bill, PFAS means a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

Lastly, the bill authorizes the Department of Consumer Protection to enforce the bill’s provisions, within available appropriations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 24 Nay 0 (04/01/2019)