

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 109-FN, relative to alteration of terrain permits.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Howard Pearl for the committee.

SB 109-FN updates the process for obtaining alteration of terrain permits by requiring applicants to consult with the Fish and Game Department if a state agency determines it's necessary. The department must review the request within 60 days and either approve it, suggest conservation measures, or deny it with specific reasons. The bill also sets rules for when payments must be made to the Threatened and Endangered Species Compensatory Mitigation Fund and how those payments are calculated. The Fish and Game Department estimates the bill could increase costs by \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per year due to additional staff and fund management.