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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 266

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 266

2019 Assembly Bill 266 creates a new appropriation and requires that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium for the design, implementation, and evaluation of up to three natural flood risk reduction demonstration projects. The county must submit a report summarizing the results of the projects to the DNR by June 30, 2021.

The bill also requires that the DNR submit a report to the Legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs that includes a summary of the demonstration project results and recommendations for how state policies or funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural infrastructure and reduce floods.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires DNR to allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the current fiscal biennium for the flood risk demonstration projects described above. The substitute amendment requires Ashland County to submit a progress report summarizing its results to date to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. The substitute amendment retains the requirement that DNR must submit a report to the Legislature and the Division of Emergency Management. The substitute amendment does not appropriate new funds for those purposes.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Steineke introduced the bill on June 7, 2019, and Assembly Amendment 1 on August 12, 2019. Assembly Amendment 1 revised the reporting requirement to direct Ashland County to submit a **progress report** summarizing its **results to date** to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. On September 19, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Rural Development recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

The Joint Committee on Finance introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on October 31, 2019. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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