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Administrative Reorganization (DNR -- Departmentwide)

CURRENT LAW

The Department is currently comprised of seven divisions for a variety of programmatic and administrative functions. The Division of Administration and Technology includes the Bureaus of Administration, Legal Services, Finance, Management and Budget, Administrative and Field Services, Information Technology, Facility Rental Costs, and Human Resources. The Division of Customer Assistance and External Relations includes the Bureaus of Customer Service and Licensing, Cooperative Environmental Assistance, Communication and Education, Community Financial Assistance, and Customer Assistance Program Management.

GOVERNOR

No provision. [See the merger of the Division of Administration and Technology with the Division of Customer Assistance and External Relations to form the Division of Customer and Employee Services on page 341, Item #2 of the LFB summary of AB 100.]

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Under s. 230.08 (2) (e) 8 of the statutes, each division within DNR is provided with one unclassified Division Administrator position. There are currently seven divisions within the Department. These include the Divisions of: (a) Land; (b) Forestry; (c) Air and Waste; (d) Enforcement and Science; (e) Water; (f) Administration and Technology; and, (g) Customer Assistance and External Relations.

2. Under the bill, DNR would merge its Division of Administration and Technology with the Division of Customer Assistance and External Relations to form the Division of Customer and Employee Services. This would reduce the number of Divisions within the Department by one (to six). However, AB 100 would not reduce the number of unclassified Division administrators

statutorily provided, to reflect this change.

3. The unclassified division administrator position for the Division of Administration and Technology is currently vacant. The vacant position is split funded from the fish and wildlife, forestry, parks, water resources, snowmobile, ATV, and boat accounts of the conservation fund. The Committee could choose to delete the vacant unclassified division administrator position and associated expenditure authority of \$96,000 SEG annually (\$33,500 fish and wildlife, \$51,000 forestry, \$5,500 parks, \$2,800 water resources, \$200 snowmobile, \$900 ATV, and \$2,100 the boat account).

ALTERNATIVES

1. Reduce the number of unclassified division administrators from seven to six and delete \$96,000 SEG annually with 1.0 position to reflect the merger of two divisions.

| Alternative 1 | SEG |
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| 2005-07 FUNDING (Change to Bill) | - \$192,000 |
| 2006-07 POSITIONS (Change to Bill) | - 1.00 |

2. Take no action. (DNR would retain seven unclassified division administrators.)

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