

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 7, after line 2 insert:

2           "(III) THE COMMISSION WILL IDENTIFY DISPROPORTIONATELY  
3 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. IN IDENTIFYING THESE COMMUNITIES, THE  
4 COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER: MINORITY, LOW-INCOME, TRIBAL, OR  
5 INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS IN THE STATE THAT POTENTIALLY EXPERIENCE  
6 DISPROPORTIONATE ENVIRONMENTAL HARMS AND RISKS. THIS  
7 DISPROPORTIONALITY CAN BE A RESULT OF INCREASED VULNERABILITY TO  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC  
9 PARTICIPATION, OR OTHER FACTORS. INCREASED VULNERABILITY MAY BE  
10 ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN ACCUMULATION OF NEGATIVE OR LACK OF POSITIVE  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, ECONOMIC, OR SOCIAL CONDITIONS WITHIN  
12 THESE POPULATIONS. "DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES"  
13 DESCRIBES SITUATIONS WHERE MULTIPLE FACTORS, INCLUDING BOTH  
14 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRESSORS, MAY ACT  
15 CUMULATIVELY TO AFFECT HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
16 CONTRIBUTE TO PERSISTENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES."

17 Reletter succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

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