

HB 138 -- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Pietzman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

This bill specifies that it is the policy of the Department of Natural Resources to assist applicants throughout the application and permitting process by designating one or more people who are trained in the process to assist applicants. The Department must maintain a permit assistance portal on its website and must provide a link to the portal to all permit applicants. The Department must track that number of requests for assistance submitted through the portal and the timeliness of responses provided to applicants.

No later than January 1, 2022, the Department must post on its website exemplars of completed permit applications for the most common permits issued by the Department.

The Department must regularly track the number of days for permit applications to be determined to be complete.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1804 (2020).