

# Legislative Analysis

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## STREAM GAUGE EXEMPTION

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**House Bill 5043 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Gretchen Driskell**  
**Committee: Natural Resources**  
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## SUMMARY:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) contains a list of activities that can be conducted without obtaining a permit under Part 301 (Inland Lakes and Streams). House Bill 5043 would add to that list: *the installation of stream gauges or other equipment designed to measure water levels in inland lakes and streams*. The bill amends Section 30103 of NREPA, and would take effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5043 could reduce revenue for the Department of Natural Resources by exempting structures that may otherwise be subject to a permit. It is not clear how many structures would be affected by this bill. Consequently, the extent of this fiscal impact is unknown. This bill would have no fiscal impact on local units of government.

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