

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3176

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 4, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3176.

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in consultation with the Drinking Water Quality Institute, to conduct a study on the regulation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.

The study would include an assessment of the feasibility of establishing a maximum contaminant level or other standard for the entire class, or for certain subclasses or mixtures, of PFAS in drinking water, rather than for each individual substance. The study would also include an assessment of treatment technologies that may be effective in removing PFAS from drinking water or wastewater. The bill would require the DEP to publish the report no later than 24 months after the bill's enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in a one-time increase in State expenditures of approximately \$258,000 to \$541,000 for the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study on the regulation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.

The fiscal impact of the bill may be higher than the range provided depending on certain factors, including the breadth of treatment technologies that will be evaluated in the study to determine their effectiveness in removing PFAS from drinking water.