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**Senator Balderson**

**Cosponsors: Senators Seitz, Patton, LaRose**

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To enact section 1509.80 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish the Governor's Award for Environmental 2  
Stewardship to be awarded annually to the company 3  
or person involved in the oil and gas industry 4  
that best represented wise environmental 5  
stewardship during the previous one-year period. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 1509.80 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 1509.80.** (A) The director of natural resources shall 9  
establish the governor's award for environmental stewardship. The 10  
award shall be presented annually to the owner or other person 11  
involved in the oil and gas industry that best represented wise 12  
environmental stewardship during the previous one-year period. 13

(B) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 14  
119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the following: 15

(1) Procedures for the nomination of owners or other persons 16  
for the award. The rules shall allow nominations to be made by 17  
members of the general assembly, owners and other persons 18  
operating in the oil and gas industry, and private citizens. The 19

rules shall allow a company to nominate itself or a person to 20  
nominate the person. 21

(2) Procedures for selecting the annual winner of the award. 22  
The rules shall require the director to appoint a committee for 23  
purposes of selecting the annual winner. 24

(3) Procedures for selecting a design for a plaque or other 25  
commemorative item for presentation to the annual winner of the 26  
award; 27

(4) Any other procedures necessary for the implementation of 28  
this section. 29

(C) Annually, on a date selected by the director in 30  
consultation with the governor, the governor shall present the 31  
award established under this section. 32