

HCS HB 1536 -- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

SPONSOR: Townley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 19 to 0.

This substitute revises provisions relating to the allocation of revenues deposited into the Solid Waste Management Fund each fiscal year. Ten percent of the fund not exceeding \$800,000 will be available to promote the development and maintenance of markets for recovered materials. Up to 22% of the revenues will be used to administer the management and education of household and agricultural hazardous waste from family farms and corporations as defined in Section 350.010, RSMo. From August 28, 2004, to August 28, 2005, up to 42% of the revenues will be used to eliminate illegal solid waste disposal, to identify and prosecute persons disposing of solid waste illegally, to conduct solid waste permitting activities, and to administer grants and perform other duties imposed in Sections 260.200 - 260.345 and Section 260.432. At least 58% of the revenues will be allocated through grants to participating cities, counties, and districts. After August 28, 2005, the percentages will increase to 25% and 50% respectively.

Sixty percent of the revenue generated within each region will be allocated to the cities and counties of the district or to persons or entities providing solid waste management, waste reduction, or recycling services in the district. From August 28, 2004, to August 28, 2005, each district will receive a minimum of \$75,000 and thereafter, each district will receive a minimum of \$45,000.

Any remaining moneys in the fund will be used to provide grants for statewide solid waste management planning or research projects including contracted services.

Beginning July 1, 2004, a joint committee will consider proposals for fees, restructuring the distribution of fees, options for the distribution of the tipping fee, and any other matters it deems appropriate. The committee will prepare and submit its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2004.

If moneys owed are not transmitted in the time frame established by the rule promulgated, interest will be imposed at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this fund generates \$11 million per year. District rate structures need to be re-examined. Missouri is the fourth largest waste exporting state in the country and is losing 25% of its revenues on waste disposal to other states. We need to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schlottach; Derrick Standley; Solid Waste Advisory Board; EIA - Missouri Chapter of the National Solid Waste Management; and Solid Waste District "0".

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that they believe a per capita/revenue blend would be a good compromise. Caps on the reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by the Department of Natural Resources for the review of solid waste processing and disposal areas need to be removed. The bill will have significant negative impacts on Missouri's waste reduction and recycling industry which provides significant environmental and economic benefits.

Testifying against the bill were Department of Natural Resources; and St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill were supportive of the bill, but want changes.

Others testifying on the bill was MARC Solid Waste Management.

Marc Webb, Legislative Analyst