

SCR 38 -- HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES

SPONSOR: O'Laughlin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules - Administrative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 3.

This resolution disapproves a regulation filed by the Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Commission on August 30, 2019, that increases fees for generators of hazardous waste. Sections 260.380 and 260.475 authorize the General Assembly to disapprove any regulation containing new fees by a concurrent resolution adopted within the first 60 days of the regular session following promulgation of the regulation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the General Assembly is authorized to disapprove new fees through a concurrent resolution. Stakeholders don't think there is a need for this fee increase. They say that the money derived from these fees is only supposed to be used for hazardous waste enforcement but it has been funding 5 FTEs in the Attorney General's Office. Stakeholders think the money should be used on things the Department is required to do and not follow guidance documents.

Testifying for the bill were Senator O'Laughlin; Associated Industries Of Missouri; and Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the Department is funded primarily through fees and federal funds. The stakeholders were involved in this process and agreed to the recommendations. These fees would go into effect next year.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department Of Natural Resources.