

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0430S.05F  
Bill No.: SS for SCS for HCS for HBs 516, 290, & 778  
Subject: Environmental Protection; Department of Natural Resources; State Departments;  
Waste - Hazardous; Waste - Radioactive  
Type: Original  
Date: May 8, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies certain provisions relating to the radioactive waste investigation fund.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
General Revenue	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)</b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)</b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)</b>

\***Oversight** notes §260.588.6 states “moneys to the fund shall no longer be transferred from the hazardous waste fund and shall be transferred to the fund from the General Revenue Fund not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars per fiscal year, unless any excess is authorized by the general assembly.”

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
Hazardous Waste Fund (0676)	\$0 to \$150,000	\$0 to \$150,000	\$0 to \$150,000
Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund (0560)*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 to \$150,000</b>	<b>\$0 to \$150,000</b>	<b>\$0 to \$150,000</b>

\*Income and costs net to zero

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §260.558 - Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** and the **Office of the State Treasurer** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** notes beginning August 28, 2025, moneys to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund shall no longer be transferred from the Hazardous Waste Fund and shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund not to exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year, unless any excess is authorized by the General Assembly. Any moneys transferred from the Hazardous Waste Fund remaining in the Fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the Hazardous Waste Fund. Moneys received from general revenue, gifts, bequests, devises, or any other source shall remain in the Fund.

Therefore, **Oversight** will reflect a transfer out to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund from the General Revenue Fund as “\$0 or Could Exceed \$150,000” that will result in a net zero impact to the fund. In addition, Oversight will reflect a savings to the Hazardous Waste Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND (0101)</b>			
<u>Transfer Out – §260.558.6 -To the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund p. 3</u>	\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u>	\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u>	\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or Could Exceed <u>(\$150,000)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND (0676)</b>			
<u>Savings</u> – §260.558.6 - Monies remaining in fund p. 3	<u>\$0 to \$150,000</u>	<u>\$0 to \$150,000</u>	<u>\$0 to \$150,000</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$150,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$150,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$150,000</u></b>
<b>RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND (0560)</b>			
<u>Transfer In</u> – §260.558.6 - from General Revenue	\$0 or Could Exceed \$150,000	\$0 or Could Exceed \$150,000	\$0 or Could Exceed \$150,000
<u>Cost</u> – DNR - Investigations of radioactive waste §260.558.1	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)	\$0 or Could Exceed (\$150,000)
<u>Revenue - Gain</u> – §260.558.6 - Monies received from gifts, bequests, and devises	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The act provides that the Fund shall not be used for any costs associated with clean up efforts.

The Fund may accept, without limitation, funds from gifts, bequests, and devises.

Requests for investigation relating to radioactive waste contamination may be submitted in writing to the Department of Natural Resources by local governing bodies, local community groups, or individuals located within a specified area of concern.

During the investigation, a sampling and analysis plan by the Department shall be developed to determine if radioactive contaminants in the area of concern exceed federal standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The investigation may include the collection of soil, dust, and water samples from the specified area. Currently, the plan may include dust samples collected inside residential homes. Under the act, the plan may include samples collected on private property.

If the Department has evidence or reasonably suspects that radioactive contaminants are located on property owned by a governmental agency that will not grant access to collect samples, the Department may seek a warrant to access the property to collect the samples.

The act repeals the provision requiring the Department to report the final sampling results to the local governing body requesting the investigation.

The transfer to the Fund from the Hazardous Waste Fund shall not exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year. The act repeals the provision relating to investigation costs. Beginning August 28, 2025, moneys to the Fund shall no longer be transferred from the Hazardous Waste Fund and shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund not to exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year, unless any excess is authorized by the General Assembly. Any moneys transferred from the Hazardous Waste Fund remaining in the Fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the Hazardous Waste Fund. Moneys received from general revenue, gifts, bequests, devises, or any other source shall remain in the Fund.

The Department shall seek reimbursement of expenses incurred during radioactive waste testing from any federal agency responsible for the site.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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