

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0430S.05T  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed 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 30, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies criteria of hazardous waste investigations and increases the hazardous waste fund appropriations.

**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** 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.

**Oversight** will reflect a transfer out to the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund from the General Revenue Fund as “\$0 or Could Exceed \$150,000”. 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>			
Transfer Out – §260.558.6 - To the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund	\$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>
<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND (0676)</b>			
<u>Savings</u> – §260.558.6 - Monies remaining in fund	<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>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND (0560)</b>			
<u>Transfer In</u> – from General Revenue §260.558.6	\$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> – Monies received from gifts, bequests, and devises §260.558.6	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>
<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**RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVESTIGATION FUND**

Currently, the Department of Natural Resources must use the Radioactive Waste Investigation Fund to investigate concerns of waste exposure submitted by a local governing body. Under this bill, requests for investigations can be submitted in writing by any local governing body, community group, or individual in the jurisdiction of an area of concern. The bill allows the Fund to accept gifts, bequests, and other devises of funds without limitation. This bill prevents the use of the Fund for any costs related to clean up efforts.

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This bill specifies that the investigation can include collection of soil, dust, and water samples from the specified area. If the Department suspects that radioactive contaminants are on a property owned by a governmental agency that will not grant access for the investigation, the Department can seek a warrant to access the property. If the suspected contaminants are on private property, the Department must have the owner's permission to enter and test.

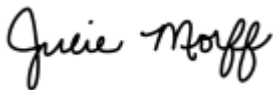
Beginning August 28, 2025, moneys to the Fund will no longer be transferred from the hazardous waste fund and will instead be transferred to the Fund from the General Revenue Fund not to exceed \$150,000 per year unless the General Assembly authorizes an excess amount.

Currently, there is a \$150,000 cap on expenditures for investigation costs. This bill eliminates the cap and requires the Department to seek reimbursement from the Federal government for radioactive waste testing costs

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

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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