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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies requirements relating to solid waste management.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
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| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Solid Waste Management Fund (1570) | Less than \$5,440,243 | Less than \$5,429,930 | Less than \$5,427,427 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | Less than \$5,440,243 | Less than \$5,429,930 | Less than \$5,427,427 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Solid Waste Management Fund (1570) | 1 FTE | 1 FTE | 1 FTE |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 1 FTE | 1 FTE | 1 FTE |

- 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
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| Local Government | (Unknown) | \$0* | \$0* |

***Oversight** assumes the revenue loss and operational savings net to zero from dissolving the solid waste management districts.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§260.200, 260.213, 260.324, 260.330, 260.335, and 260.336 – Solid Waste Management

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** state the following:

§260.213

No person may knowingly sell, convey or transfer title to any property that contains a permitted or unpermitted solid waste disposal site or demolition landfill, without disclosing the sale, conveyance, or transfer to the department of natural resources. The seller shall inform the buyer early in the negotiation process about the existence and location of the disposal or landfill site.

Duties for this section include tracking and reviewing title transfers of permitted or unpermitted solid waste disposal sites or demolition landfills submitted to or researched by the department. Duties will involve extrapolating information from County Assessors, Department files, GIS services, etc.

It is estimated 320 hours per year and Environmental Program Analyst to perform these duties will be needed. The cost for the Environmental Program Analyst is estimated at an annual cost of \$11,354 (\$35.48 per hour - \$73,788 annually (\$67,080 base pay plus \$6,708 time of service pay), this does not include fringe, indirect, and expense and equipment costs. The department anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY27 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight assumes DNR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DNR could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DNR could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DNR assume this provision will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

§260.330.1

DNR notes Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 of this section, effective October 1, 2027, each operator of a solid waste sanitary landfill shall collect a charge equal to two dollars and fifty cents per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted and each operator of the solid waste demolition landfill shall collect a charge equal to two dollars and fifty cents per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted. Each operator shall submit the charge, less collection costs, to the department of natural resources for deposit in the "Solid Waste Management Fund" which is hereby created. On October 1, 2029, and thereafter, the charge imposed herein shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage as the increase in the general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor or its successor agency. The director shall have the authority to adjust the annual

increase consistent with the need to fund the operating costs of the department. Collection costs shall be established by the department and shall not exceed two percent of the amount collected pursuant to this section.

Sanitary Landfills: Current fee is \$2.11 per ton, an increase to \$2.50 per ton would increase annual revenue approximately **\$1,759,630**. Based on average Tons between FY22 – FY25 (4,603,949).

Demolition Landfills: Current fee is \$1.40 per ton, an increase to \$2.50 per ton would increase annual revenue by approximately **\$109,384**. Based on average Tons between FY22 – FY25 (101,470).

Current:

| | Fee Amount | Average Per Ton | Multiplier | Total Revenue |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Sanitary Landfills | \$2.11 | 4,606,949.25 | 0.98 | \$9,520,046.26 |
| Demolition Landfills | \$1.40 | 101,469.50 | 0.98 | \$139,216.15 |

Change:

| | Fee Amount | Average Per Ton | Multiplier | Total Revenue |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Sanitary Landfills | \$2.50 | 4,603,949.25 | 0.98 | \$11,279,675.66 |
| Demolition Landfills | \$2.50 | 101,469.50 | 0.98 | \$248,600.28 |

*Multiplier per 10 CSR 80 - 2.080 (3) (A) 3. allows Sanitary Landfills, Demolition Landfills, and Transfer stations keep 2% of fee as collection costs.

§260.330.5

Effective October 1, 2027, any person who operates a transfer station in Missouri shall transmit a fee to the department for deposit in the solid waste management fund which is equal to two dollars and fifty cents per ton or its volumetric equivalent of solid waste accepted. Such fee shall be applicable to all solid waste to be transported out of the state for disposal. On October 1, 2029, and thereafter, the charge imposed herein shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage as the increase in the general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor or its successor agency. The director shall have the authority to adjust the annual increase consistent with the need to fund the operating costs of the department. The department shall prescribe rules and regulations governing the transmittal of fees and verification of waste volumes transported out of state from transfer stations. Collection costs shall also be established by the department and shall not exceed two percent of the amount collected pursuant to this subsection. A transfer station with the sole function of separating materials for recycling or resource recovery activities shall not be subject to the fee imposed in this subsection.

Transfer Stations - Current fee is \$2.11 per ton, an increase to \$2.50 per ton would increase annual revenue approximately **\$686,109**. Based on average Tons between FY22 – FY25

(1,795,157). Currently there are 30 transfer stations that take some or all of their waste out of the state for disposal.

| | Fee Amount | Average Per Ton | Multiplier | Total Revenue |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Current: | | | | |
| Transfer Station | \$2.11 | 1,795,157.25 | 0.98 | \$3,712,026.16 |
| Change: | | | | |
| Transfer Station | \$2.50 | 1,795,157.25 | 0.98 | \$4,398,135.26 |

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the revenue from the increase of fees as more or less than the estimated impact by DNR for Transfer Stations of \$686,109, Demolition Landfills of \$109,384, and Sanitary Landfills of \$1,759,629 in the fiscal note.

§260.335.1

DNR notes each fiscal year five million dollars from the solid waste management fund shall be made available, upon appropriation, to the department for assessing, investigating, testing, remediating, and managing abandoned solid waste disposal areas.

Duties will include management of abandoned solid waste disposal areas such as grant application review for the remediation project proposals (this includes reviewing the complex portion of the grants to make sure the scope is what is required of the remediation requirements), invoices (this includes reviewing the invoice, verifying the work was completed, and the work falls within the grant budget), and investigation and assessment of abandoned solid waste disposal areas.

For 30 sites, the department can currently absorb the enforcement duties with 1 FTE as an Environmental Program Analyst. It is estimated 2,080 hours per year would be needed to oversee assessment, investigation, testing, remediation, and management of the 30 abandoned solid waste disposal areas. It is estimated at \$73,788 annually (\$67,080 base pay plus \$6,708 time of service pay)), this does not include fringe, indirect, and expense and equipment costs. The department anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY27 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

If the number of unknown sites increases, then the department would need an additional FTE to complete the enforcement duties of additional investigation and assessment.

The department anticipates needing an Associate Engineer at an estimated 320 hours annually for a total annual cost of \$13,296 annually (\$41.55 per hour - \$86,434 annually (\$78,576 base pay plus \$7,858 time of service pay)) (does not include fringe, indirect, ad expense and equipment costs) to conduct the engineering review of the remediation plans of the abandoned solid waste disposal areas grants. The department anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY27 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

If the department remediates the sites directly, the department will need to hire additional FTE as project managers to oversee the sites along with the additional cost associated with procurement.

DNR Summary of Impact:

Revenue Increase (\$2,555,122 Annually)

Approximately \$1,759,629 in Sanitary Landfill Fees Annually

Approximately \$109,384 in Demolition Landfill Fees Annually

Approximately \$686,109 in Transfer Station Fees Annually

The department estimates there would be a minimum of 1 FTE needed (Environmental Program Analyst) to implement the new provisions related to this proposed legislation. Additional Environmental Program Analyst and Associate Engineer FTE will be needed. The department anticipates being able to absorb the costs for the additional FTE. However, until the FY27 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight assumes the DNR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes the DNR could absorb the costs for 1 FTE (Environmental Program Analyst) and 1 FTE (Associate Engineer) related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, the DNR could request funding through the appropriation process. However, Oversight will reflect the estimate of 1 FTE (Environmental Program Analyst) to the Solid Waste Management Fund (1570) as provided by the DNR.

§260.336 – Elimination of Solid Waste Management Districts

Officials from **District B North Missouri Solid Waste Management District** anticipate a loss of at least \$95,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption that the 20 Solid Waste Districts in the state would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- \$47,500 plus carry over in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations that support recycling efforts. Their grants are awarded to Sheltered Workshops in their region that process the recycled materials in their district and to fund collection events for Household Hazardous Waste (paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, etc.), Electronics, appliances and scrap metal, batteries, and tires; and
- \$23,500.00 in administration costs which includes 2 part-time employees, whose positions would be eliminated, due to the districts being dissolved. Administration costs include day-to-day operations of the District including training, mileage, meetings, etc. and bond insurance and advertising for funding availability in 11 counties that are required by DNR; and

- \$24,000.00 in plan implementation funds are used to provide education and information on recycling, waste reduction, and composting; provide technical assistance to citizens, schools, businesses, and local governments; help with program implementation; provide local expertise in a large variety of subject areas; assist with regulatory compliance and reporting, provide financial resources to help with projects, and conduct recycling programs and special/banned items recycling events including household hazardous waste (paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, etc.), tires, appliances, batteries, and electronics. This effort has been very successful with the amount of funding that they receive.

Officials from **District D Recycling Solid Waste Management District** state that the district anticipates a loss of at least \$216,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- At least \$100,000 in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations
- At least \$30,000 each year to support access for all District residents to two Region D semi-permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Officials from **District E Mid America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District (MARC)** state that twenty districts were formed when Senate Bill 530 passed in 1990, which marked a major change in the management of solid waste in Missouri. The bill created a tax on landfills to build local infrastructure and to provide pathways for local communities to keep waste out of their landfills.

Missouri has made significant progress since 1990 and is at the forefront of waste reduction and recycling efforts. Eliminating the districts would set the state back, and Missourians across the state would lose access to essential services.

The MARC Solid Waste Management District serves five counties and 48 cities in the Kansas City area. For over 30 years, the district has invested over \$15 million toward infrastructure dedicated to providing necessary services. The district convenes and facilitates partnerships with community leaders and members to advance best practices in solid waste management.

If the districts are eliminated, residents will not have a safe place to bring toxic materials for disposal. Additionally, RecycleSpot.org, a one-stop shop for information on recycling and disposal of household materials will go away. All other projects supported by the district will no longer receive support.

Allocated funds go toward strengthening their waste diversion infrastructure: The district has worked with partners to bring multiple services including a state-of-the-art facility for glass collection and processing for fiberglass insulation; a facility to salvage construction and demolition materials; a network of organizations that rescue food for feeding people. District

funding brought Habitat ReStores to Kansas City area. Other important businesses have been supported such as electronic recycling and the region's only furniture bank.

Local cities and counties depend on the district to meet their responsibility in effective and efficient solid waste management. The district supports emerging entrepreneurs and contributes to significant economic activity in the Kansas City area. Since 1993, the district has funded over 100 companies and nonprofits

HB 2761 proposes eliminating the solid waste management districts. This would have a profound negative impact on their communities, including:

- More landfills will be needed because no one will be working to divert materials.
- There will be no Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.
- RecycleSpot.org and the telephone hotline will no longer be available
- Cities and counties will be required to develop their own solid waste plans.
- Work to bring product stewardship programs for paint and batteries would cease.
- Solid waste funds will be used to fund the MDNR to expand enforcement and regulations.

Officials from **District F West Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District** anticipate a loss of at least \$575,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- Over \$287,500 in grants each year to cities, counties, sheltered workshops and organizations
- Over \$170,000 each year in support for member municipalities' Household Hazardous Waste & Community Cleanup & Recovery Events

Officials from **District H Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District** anticipate a loss of at least \$430,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- Over \$275,000 in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations
- Over \$50,000 each year in support for member municipalities' Household Hazardous Waste collections
- Over \$5,000 each year in support to municipalities and counties for right-of-way tire clean-ups

Officials from **District K Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District** state that this bill will eliminate solid waste management districts (SWMD) & the programs & services they provide. District K will lose an estimated \$285,000 of annual tipping fee allocation each year, statewide districts will lose \$8.5 million, which is used for planning & implementation of

projects dedicated to reducing the amount of trash being landfilled. These include special collections for tires, appliances & electronics; satellite collection centers for household hazardous waste; volunteer-based illegal dump cleanup & monitoring; helping counties recycle illegally dumped tires collected on county roads; education & awareness programs for the public & school children; & technical assistance for reducing waste for local governments, schools, sheltered workshops, caring centers & businesses. The district administers a local grant program that has supported programs developed & implemented by these same entities.

District K has used state funds to leverage federal dollars with grants from EPA & USDA to further district goals. The SWMDs enable local tax dollars generated through the tipping fee to be returned to the region & used for local programs. Every district is different & each knows best what its needs are & how best to address those needs.

If funding is diverted to MDNR - small local programs that have a big impact at the local level will disappear. Tipping fees generated in rural districts will not return to benefit rural areas that are already disadvantaged & struggle with reducing waste going to landfills. Strides made in establishing recycling, composting, reuse & waste reduction programs; cleaning up & eliminating illegal dumping; & diverting household hazardous materials from the waste stream will be lost - with no funding available to meet the needs of rural residents.

Officials from **District M Region M Solid Waste Management District** state that the Region M Waste Management District anticipates a loss of at least \$600,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- Over \$500,000 in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations
- Over \$70,000 each year in support for member HHW and electronics collections in rural areas where no affordable services are available
- Over \$8,000 each year in support to educational programs where funding is limited

Officials from **District O Ozark Headwaters Recycling and Materials Management District Solid Waste Management District** state that Solid Waste Management District O covers a region including Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk and Webster Counties, with a population of approximately 475,000 people. Loss of district funding would create a burden on a variety of local programs, from recycling and waste reduction, to feeding hungry residents, and supporting non-profits in their missions. Many local entities and organizations would not be able to fill the gap left behind. The program has invested approximately \$8.8 million in their local community since inception.

Solid Waste Management District O anticipates a loss of at least \$530,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- At least \$350,000 in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations
- At least \$40,000 each year to support access for all District residents to use the City of Springfield's Household Chemical Collection Center

Officials from **District Q Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Management District** states that the district anticipates a loss of at least \$220,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- \$95,000 in grants each year to benefit cities, counties and organizations. Without these grant funds, they would be forced to close their recycle center, which is the only recycling center in the districts five-county Region.
- Over \$70,000 each year in recycling efforts in support of member municipalities deferring recyclables from the landfills. This is the yearly amount allocated each year from the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission that operates the recycling center.
- Over \$125,000 in revenue each year obtained from the sale of recyclables collected from cities, counties, organizations and individuals.

Officials from **District S Bootheel Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Management District** states that the district anticipates a loss of at least \$245,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- At least \$156,000 in grants each year to cities, counties, and organizations
- At least \$17,000 each year in support of municipalities, counties, and access for all District residents to E-Waste collection events
- At least \$6,000 each year in support of municipalities and counties for right-of-way tire clean-ups
- At least \$4,000 each year in support of recycling equipment repair and maintenance.

Officials from **District T Lake of the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District** state that the district anticipates a loss of at least \$95,000 in revenue each year from 2027 onwards based on the following assumption: The Solid Waste Districts would be dissolved.

This loss would include:

- Over \$47,500 in grants each year to cities, counties, sheltered workshops and organizations

Oversight notes, per DNR's website, that \$8,258,660, was allocated to solid waste management districts in FY 2023. Per DNR's budget book, DNR provides approximately \$10 million annually to the solid waste management districts.

Oversight notes that §260.336.1(2) requires the dissolved solid waste management districts to remit any left-over monies to the Solid Waste Management Fund 1570.

Oversight assumes that the fund amounts that would be transferred to the Solid Waste Management Fund from the solid waste management districts after the completion of the final financial audit is unknown. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight will show an unknown transfer from the Solid Waste Management Districts to the Solid Waste Management Fund.

Oversight notes that the dissolution of the solid waste management districts will end as of December 31, 2026.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and **Office of the State Treasurer** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective 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 only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other solid waste management districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> | FY 2027 (10 Mo.) | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND (1570) | | | |
| <u>Revenue Gain – DNR (§260.330)</u> Transfer station fee increase p.3-5 | \$686,109 | \$686,109 | \$686,109 |
| <u>Revenue Gain – DNR (§260.330)</u> Demolition landfill fee increase p.3-5 | \$109,384 | \$109,384 | \$109,384 |
| <u>Revenue Gain – DNR (§260.330)</u> Sanitary landfill fee increase p.3-5 | \$1,759,629 | \$1,759,629 | \$1,759,629 |
| <u>Savings – DNR (260.335) Funds no longer allocated to Solid Waste Management Districts p.11</u> | Could exceed \$8,000,000 | Could exceed \$8,000,000 | Could exceed \$8,000,000 |
| <u>Transfer In – From Solid Waste Management Districts (§260.336)</u> Remittance of leftover moneys p.7-10 | Unknown | \$0 | \$0 |
| <u>Cost – DNR (§260.335) Assessing and managing abandoned solid waste disposal areas p.5</u> | (\$5,000,000) | (\$5,000,000) | (\$5,000,000) |
| <u>Cost – DNR (§260.335) Expenditures, Grants, & Operations</u> | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |
| <u>Cost – DNR (§260.335) p.7</u> | | | |
| Personal Service | (\$61,490) | (\$75,264) | (\$76,769) |
| Fringe Benefits | (\$37,029) | (\$45,324) | (\$46,230) |
| Equipment and Expense | (\$16,360) | (\$4,604) | (\$4,696) |
| <u>Total Costs - DNR</u> | <u>(\$114,879)</u> | <u>(\$125,192)</u> | <u>(\$127,695)</u> |
| FTE Change - DNR | 1 FTE | 1 FTE | 1 FTE |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND | <u>Less than \$5,440,243</u> | <u>Less than \$5,429,930</u> | <u>Less than \$5,427,427</u> |
| Estimated Net FTE Change to the Solid Waste Management Fund | 1 FTE | 1 FTE | 1 FTE |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2027 (10 Mo.) | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS | | | |
| <u>Transfer Out</u> – to Solid Waste Management Fund (§260.336.1(2)) Solid Waste Management Districts remittance of leftover moneys p.7-10 | (Unknown) | \$0 | \$0 |
| <u>Revenue Loss</u> – Solid Waste Management Districts (§260.336) No longer receiving funds due to dissolution of districts | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |
| <u>Savings</u> – Solid Waste Management Districts (§260.336) No longer performing duties due to dissolution of districts | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>Unknown</u> |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

There would be an fiscal impact due to an increase in cost on small businesses such as sanitary landfills, demolition landfills, and transfer stations as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently a person selling, conveying, or transferring title of a property that contains a permitted or unpermitted solid waste disposal site or demolition landfill must disclose to the buyer early in the process about its existence. This requires the seller to disclose the sale, conveyance, or transfer to the Department of Natural Resources.

Currently, a tipping fee is collected per ton accepted by landfills and transfer stations and deposited into the Solid Waste Management Fund. Beginning October 1, 2027, the bill increase the fee for solid waste sanitary landfills and transfer stations from \$1.50 per ton accepted to \$2.50 per ton and the fee for solid waste demolition landfills from \$1 per ton accepted to \$2.50 per ton. Beginning October 1, 2029, the fees will be adjusted annually.

The bill requires that each year \$5 million from the Solid Waste Management fund is made available to the Department for assessing, investigating, testing, remediating, and managing abandoned solid waste disposal areas.

Currently, of the remaining revenues in the Solid Waste Management Fund, 39% are distributed to the Department of Natural Resources and 61% are distributed for grants. The bill removes the percentages and requires that at least the same appropriation plus 1/4 of the Department's operating expenditures be dedicated to the elimination of illegal solid waste disposal, solid waste permitting and other solid waste activity administration. Any remaining revenue will be made available annually for grants.

The bill also eliminates solid waste management districts and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. By December 31, 2026, each solid waste management district must submit a final financial audit, remit leftover money to the Solid Waste Management Fund, and provide a list of open grants as specified in the bill.

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

Department of Natural Resources
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Treasurer
District B North Missouri Solid Waste Management District
District D Recycling Solid Waste Management District
District E Mid America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District
District F West Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District
District H Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District
District K Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District
District M Region M Solid Waste Management District
District O Ozark Headwaters Recycling and Materials Management District Solid Waste Management District
District Q Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Management District
District S Bootheel Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Management District
District T Lake of the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District



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