

HB 2761 -- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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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.