

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SHB 1814**

**AS OF MARCH 26, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Requiring additional financial responsibility for hazardous waste disposal facilities that incinerate hazardous wastes or substances.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hansen, Chandler, Rust and Bray)

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY & PARKS**

**Staff:** Shannon Murphy (786-7483)

**Hearing Dates:** March 29, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

The Environmental Protection Agency's rules implementing the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act require hazardous waste disposal facility operators to maintain financial responsibility. An operator of an incinerator facility must maintain financial responsibility of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million annual aggregate for damages resulting from an accidental release. The financial responsibility may be in the form of insurance, a bond, or self-insurance under appropriate circumstances. These financial responsibility requirements are implemented by the Department of Ecology on the facilities for which it is responsible.

**SUMMARY:**

The operator of a hazardous waste incinerator with a permitted handling capacity of 5,000 tons or more annually shall maintain financial responsibility of at least \$25 million to compensate for personal injury or damages to property resulting from discharges or emissions from the facility.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available