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HOUSE BILL 2226

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1            AN ACT Relating to solid waste handling; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that local governments  
6 and private waste management companies have significantly changed solid  
7 waste management practices in an effort to preserve landfill space and  
8 to avoid costly environmental cleanups of municipal landfills. The  
9 legislature recognizes the efforts of local governments and the waste  
10 management industry for helping the state to achieve one of the  
11 nation's highest recycling rates.

12            The legislature also finds that solid waste rates have increased  
13 substantially in order to pay for the cleanup of past disposal  
14 practices and new recycling services that preserve landfill space and  
15 avoid future cleanup costs. The legislature further finds that city-  
16 managed collection systems are required to notify private collection  
17 companies of rate changes but are not required to notify the public.  
18 The legislature declares it to be the policy of the state that city-  
19 managed systems provide public notice of rate increases.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) A city or town that contracts for the collection of solid  
4 waste, or provides for the collection of solid waste directly, shall  
5 publish a notice of a proposed rate increase.    The notice shall be  
6 published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
7 general circulation in the collection area beginning at least forty-  
8 five days prior to the effective date of the rate increase for any  
9 solid waste handling service.

10       (2) For purposes of this section, "solid waste handling" has the  
11 same meaning as provided in RCW 70.95.030.

12       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14       (1) A city that contracts for the collection of solid waste, or  
15 provides for the collection of solid waste directly, shall publish a  
16 notice of a proposed rate increase.    The notice shall be published once  
17 a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation  
18 in the collection area beginning at least forty-five days prior to the  
19 effective date of the rate increase for any solid waste handling  
20 service.

21       (2) For purposes of this section, "solid waste handling" has the  
22 same meaning as provided in RCW 70.95.030.

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