

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 1419

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising provisions for solid waste permits.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Linville and Regala; by request of Department of Ecology).

House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment

Background: Local health jurisdictions are responsible for issuing permits to solid waste facilities. In issuing permits, the local health department must determine if the solid waste facility meets local health and zoning requirements, the local solid waste management plan, and all applicable state and federal solid waste laws and regulations. Solid waste facilities are required to renew permits annually. A local health jurisdiction is not required to hold a public hearing prior to making a permit decision. The term "solid waste handling facility" refers to all types of solid waste facilities, including recycling centers, transfer stations, drop-boxes, landfills, and incinerators.

Summary: A local health jurisdiction is authorized to renew a permit for an existing solid waste handling facility for a period of one to five years. The decision on the duration of the permit is to be determined by the local health jurisdiction issuing the permit. A local health jurisdiction may hold a public hearing prior to issuing a permit for any solid waste handling facility if the term of the permit is longer than one year. A solid waste facility that is substantially modified must obtain a permit.

The Department of Ecology, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, is directed to recommend regulatory changes to various categories of solid waste materials to ensure that the regulations better reflect the risks posed by these materials. The Department of Ecology must submit these recommendations to the Legislature by December 15, 1997.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

Senate 45 0

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