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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1657**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler and Linville)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing the pass-through of disposal fees for  
2 certain solid waste collection companies; amending RCW 81.77.160; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 81.16 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.77.160 and 1989 c 431 s 30 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The commission, in fixing and altering collection rates charged  
8 by every solid waste collection company under this section, shall  
9 include in the base for the collection rates:

10 ~~((1))~~ (a) All charges for the disposal of solid waste at the  
11 facility or facilities ~~((that the solid waste collection company is  
12 required to use))~~ designated by a local jurisdiction under a local  
13 comprehensive solid waste management plan or ordinance ~~((designating  
14 disposal sites))~~; and

15 ~~((2))~~ (b) All known and measurable costs related to  
16 implementation of the approved county or city comprehensive solid waste  
17 management plan.

18 (2) If a solid waste collection company files a tariff to recover  
19 the costs specified under this section, and the commission suspends the

1 tariff, the portion of the tariff covering costs specified in this  
2 section shall be placed in effect by the commission at the request of  
3 the company on an interim basis as of the originally filed effective  
4 date, subject to refund, pending the commission's final order. The  
5 commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

6 (3) This section applies to a solid waste collection company that  
7 has an affiliated interest under chapter 81.16 RCW with a facility, if  
8 the total cost of disposal, including waste transfer, transport, and  
9 disposal charges, at the facility is equal to or lower than any other  
10 reasonable and currently available option.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 81.16 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 This chapter does not apply to a determination of the base for  
14 collection rates for solid waste collection companies meeting the  
15 requirements under RCW 81.77.160(3).

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