
SENATE BILL 6524

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By Senators Hale, Patterson and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial assurance requirements for landfill
2 disposal facilities; and amending RCW 70.95.215.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.95.215 and 1985 c 436 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) By July 1, 1987, each holder or applicant of a permit for a
7 landfill disposal facility issued under this chapter shall establish a
8 reserve account or other approved form of financial assurance to cover
9 the costs of closing the facility in accordance with state and federal
10 regulations. The account shall be designed to ensure that there will
11 be adequate revenue or an alternative funding mechanism available by
12 the projected date of closure. A landfill disposal ((facilities))
13 facility maintained on private property for the sole use of the entity
14 owning the site and a landfill disposal facility maintained by a local
15 government shall not be required to establish a reserve account if, to
16 the satisfaction of the department, ((they)) the entity or local
17 government provides another form of financial assurance adequate to
18 comply with the requirements of this section.

1 (2) By July 1, 1986, the department shall adopt rules under chapter
2 34.05 RCW to implement subsection (1) of this section. The rules shall
3 include but not be limited to:

4 (a) Methods to estimate closure costs, including postclosure
5 monitoring, pollution prevention measures, and any other procedures
6 required under state and federal regulations;

7 (b) Methods to ensure that reserve accounts receive adequate funds,
8 including:

9 (i) Requirements that the reserve account be generated by user
10 fees. However, the department may waive this requirement for existing
11 landfills if user fees would be prohibitively high;

12 (ii) Requirements that moneys be placed in the reserve account on
13 a regular basis and that the reserve account be kept separate from all
14 other accounts; and

15 (iii) Procedures for the department to verify that adequate sums
16 are deposited in the reserve account; and

17 (c) Methods to ensure that other types of financial assurance
18 provided in accordance with subsection (1) of this section are adequate
19 to cover the costs of closing the facility.

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