

1743-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cooper, Upthegrove, Sump,
Pearson and Anderson; by request of Department of Ecology)

Brief Description: Addressing problems of hazardous waste
facilities. Revised for 1st Substitute: Reviewing the management
and oversight of hazardous waste management facilities.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/03)

Finds that: (1) Substantial volumes of hazardous wastes, and
used oil and other recycled materials, are being accumulated and
managed at facilities located throughout Washington;

(2) Some hazardous waste management facilities, used oil
processors, and recyclers have been abandoned, shut down, or gone
bankrupt in Washington, leaving taxpayers, property owners, or
former customers with millions of dollars in clean-up costs and
significant environmental impacts; and

(3) The proper management and oversight of wastes at these
facilities is essential to prevent adverse effects to the
environment and economy and to protect public health and safety.

Requires that by December 31, 2003, the department of ecology
shall, in consultation with representatives of the waste management
industry, businesses that generate waste, financial institutions,
insurance companies, local government, environmental groups, and
other interested parties, provide a report to the appropriate
standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate
containing at least the following information and recommendations:

(1) Recommended requirements for financial assurance to
appropriately close and clean up these facilities;

(2) Recommended requirements for liability insurance to
address any unplanned sudden or nonsudden contaminant release to
the environment of these facilities;

(3) Recommend a system for authorizing off-site recycling and
used oil processing operations that are not currently subject to
hazardous waste permits; and

(4) Information on a possible fee-based system to provide
adequate funding for the department's permitting, compliance, and
assistance programs for hazardous waste facilities, including
recyclers and used oil processors.

Declares that nothing in this act applies to waste generators.