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Sponsor(s): Senators Morton, Fraser, Regala and Hewitt; by request of Department of Ecology

Brief Description: Addressing problems of hazardous waste facilities.

**SB 5594 - DIGEST**

Declares that the management, regulation, and oversight of wastes at hazardous waste management facilities, including recyclers and used oil processors, is essential to prevent adverse effects on the environment and the economy and to protect public health and safety. Toward that end, the legislature determines that the department, in consultation with representatives of the waste management industry, business, local government, environmental groups, and other interested parties, shall take the following actions: (1) By July 1, 2004, adopt amended rules, chapter 173-303 WAC, governing the financial assurance, pollution liability, and closure plans at facilities, including recyclers and used oil processors, to assure that adequate funds will be available to pay for safe and orderly cleanup and/or closure at those facilities;

(2) By July 1, 2004, adopt a rule to establish a system for authorizing recycling and used oil processing operations that are not currently subject to hazardous waste permits; and

(3) By September 30, 2003, submit recommendations to the legislature for the 2004 legislative session, addressing a 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.