

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6677

As Passed House:

March 5, 2008

Title: An act relating to composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

Brief Description: Changing the composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

Sponsors: By Senators Fraser, Roach, Fairley and McCaslin; by request of State Treasurer.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government & Tribal Affairs: 2/26/08, 2/27/08 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/5/08, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes the State Treasurer as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Kretz, Liias, Miloscia and Ormsby.

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

The Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority (Authority) was established in 2006 to implement an electronic product collection, transportation, and recycling program for covered electronic products (CEPs). Covered electronic products include computer monitors, personal computers, and televisions that have been used in the state by any household, charity, school district, small business, or small government.

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Manufacturers offering the CEPs for sale in Washington are required to register annually with the Department of Ecology (DOE) and provide brand names of the CEPs sold by that manufacturer in the state. All administrative and operational costs associated with the collection, transportation, and recycling of the CEPs are paid by the manufactures.

The Authority is governed by a board of directors (board), comprised of 11 members of participating manufacturers. The board must have representation from both television and computer manufacturers. The Directors of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, the DOE, and the State Treasurer (Treasurer) serve as ex officio members of the board.

Summary of Bill:

The Treasurer is removed as an ex officio member of the board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This is a simple bill. The Treasurer is asking not to be included as a statutory member of the board as the responsibilities of the Treasurer are not relevant to the board. However, the Treasurer will continue to provide assistance to the board, if requested. The bill was modeled after the another statute that has a true financing aspect.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Senator Fraser, prime sponsor; and Shad Pruitt, Office of the State Treasurer

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.