

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6242

As of January 14, 2010

Title: An act relating to updating hazardous waste fee provisions.

Brief Description: Updating hazardous waste fee provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Pridemore, Delvin and Hatfield; by request of Department of Ecology.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Water & Energy: 1/15/10.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, WATER & ENERGY

Staff: Sam Thompson (786-7413)

Background: Hazardous waste generators must pay an annual Hazardous Waste Generation Fee to the Department of Ecology (Ecology). The fee is set in statute at \$35. Ecology must annually adjust the fee for inflation in November. The current adjusted fee is \$46.

Businesses generating hazardous waste are exempt from paying the fee if the value of their products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income is less than \$12,000 per year. This threshold was established in 1990 and is not adjusted for inflation.

Ecology must annually (in November) adjust hazardous waste and pollution prevention planning fees using the the U.S. Department of Commerce Implicit Price Deflator for Gross National Product for state and local government.

Summary of Bill: The threshold for the exemption from annual payment of the Hazardous Waste Generation Fee is increased. Businesses generating hazardous waste are exempt from paying the fee if the value of their products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income is less than \$19,500 per year. Ecology must annually adjust the threshold for inflation in March.

Ecology must annually adjust hazardous waste and pollution prevention planning fees in March, rather than November.

The inflation benchmark will be U.S. Department of Commerce Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product data for state and local government if available or, alternatively, data applicable to general government.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.