
Environment Committee

HB 2438

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to various environmental statutes of the department of ecology and the pollution control hearings board.

Sponsors: Representatives Takko, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon and Ryu; by request of Department of Ecology.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amends programs administered by the Department of Ecology to make technical changes.
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Hearing Date: 1/24/14

Staff: Megan Mulvihill (786-7291) and Jacob Lipson (786-7196).

Background:

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is responsible for managing many state policies regarding the environment. DOE's authority includes multiple statutes managing the state's water resources, air quality, pollution, solid and hazardous wastes, toxic hazards, and the state shorelines. Many of DOE's orders and decisions may be appealed to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB).

Summary of Bill:

Programs administered by DOE are amended to make technical changes, which include removing past dates and following updated drafting guidelines.

Changes are made to the following statutes:

- Pollution Control Hearings Board (chapter 43.21B RCW)
- Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Model Litter Control Act (chapter 70.93 RCW)
- Clean Air Act (chapter 70.94 RCW)

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- Solid Waste Management (chapter 70.95 RCW)
- Waste Reduction (chapter 70.95C RCW)
- Hazardous Waste Fees (chapter 70.95E RCW)
- Used Oil Recycling (chapter 70.95I RCW)
- Hazardous Waste Management (chapter 70.105 RCW)
- Vessel Oil Spill Prevention and Response (chapter 88.46 RCW)
- Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Prevention and Response (chapter 90.56 RCW)

Specific details of some of the changes include:

- removes language for DOE to adopt by rule the one or more types of litter receptacles that are uniform in design. DOE has completed the process of adopting minimum standards for litter receptacles.
- changes the authority for charging a fee for a noncompliant hazardous substance user or hazardous waste generator from the Department of Revenue to DOE.
- eliminates the hazardous waste control and elimination account which is no longer active, and transfers the funds to the state toxics control account as authorized under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) of 1988.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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