

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1761

Regarding cleanup of hazardous waste

PROGRAM IMPACTS

The bill establishes a comprehensive ten-year financing report to identify, track and project long term remedial action cleanup costs and prevention needs. The projections of this report will be used to develop working capital reserve recommendations for the State and Local Toxic Control Accounts. The bill also authorizes Ecology to use additional grant administration strategies to expedite the cleanup of hazardous waste in Washington State. The Toxics Cleanup Program will evaluate and utilize these strategies as appropriate.

RESOURCE IMPACTS

The bill does not provide funding for implementation. Ecology will pursue resources to implement the bill in the 2008 session consistent with the approved fiscal note.

WORK PLAN

Ecology will temporarily reprogram existing staff in the short term (by September 2007) to begin implementation of this bill. To continue this work through fiscal year 2009 and beyond, a supplemental budget request will be proposed to the 2008 Legislature.

Once staff is reprogrammed, the process to develop the financing report to the legislature begins. This will include gathering and evaluating various ten-year financing models (WSDOT and other type models), working closely with cleanup partners and stakeholders in evaluating and selecting a forecasting model, forecasting future cleanup and prevention needs consistent with the methodology selected, and identifying the working capital reserve recommendation. This report is due to the legislature December 20th of every even number year.

This effort will involve working with several Ecology programs (TCP, HWTR, SWFAP, SPPR and AQP), local government, and stakeholders to begin development of the financing report. Dedicated program staff will be the primary financing report author. Ecology programs, local government, and stakeholders will provide input during the report development. Stakeholder meetings, consisting of Ecology, local government, and the MTCA stakeholder group, will be held during development of the report (more detailed stakeholder meeting schedule will be finalized in September).

Stakeholder meetings	August 2007 thru December, 2008
Draft financing report	November 2007 – August 2008
Final report submittal	December 20, 2008
Biennial report submittal	December 20 th of every even number year

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