

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation establishes a framework that strengthens the public sector's ability to abide by its statutory responsibilities to maintain waste management systems. It allows counties to preserve and protect public investments in solid waste infrastructure. It increases transparency in the public process for controlling the flow of waste. It allows counties to regulate waste streams to reduce the likelihood of waste being sent to non-compliant facilities. It also reduces counties liabilities, avoids creating publicly funded assets that cannot be fully utilized, and allows private operators to continue bidding for waste management contracts or to operate within the framework established by those who bear ultimate responsibility for solid waste management.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not increase revenue at the state or local level, however, if counties or solid waste districts exercise flow control measures as outlined in the bill, it may cause local governing bodies to finance required studies outlining the potential impacts of their flow control measures. Without the passage of this legislation, counties and solid waste districts could face a substantial loss of revenue and subsequent inability to pay off long term infrastructure debt financing.

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