

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Galizio, Gilliam, Holvey, Witt, Read

Nays: Thatcher

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/21, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a paint stewardship pilot program to reduce the generation of post-consumer paint, by promoting its reuse and developing a process of collecting, transporting and processing it in an environmentally sound fashion. Requires creation of a stewardship organization made up of paint manufacturers to implement program by developing a plan and funding its implementation, including development of educational materials for consumers. Grants pilot program immunity from federal and state antitrust laws. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to supervise program, including charging administrative fees and reporting to the Legislative Assembly on its effectiveness. Sunsets June 30, 2014. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Program would be first in the nation
- Modeled after Canadian projects which the government oversees but paint industry manages
- Paint is the largest household chemical by volume that DEQ collects
- Used battery collection programs, mercury light collection programs
- Program would also recycle paint cans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3037A would address the need to properly recycle architectural paint.