

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact (-5)**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued (-5)****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/25, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies purposes for assessing, and authorized uses of, solid waste facility permit fees. Becomes operative July 1, 2016. Consolidates disposal site tipping fee and disposal site surcharge and increases consolidated fee. Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission to establish fee schedule for disposal sites for composting under certain circumstances. Modifies authorized uses of moneys collected pursuant to tipping fee. Sets maximum amount for disposal site tipping fee for 2015-2017 biennium. Authorizes commission to adjust fees once each subsequent biennium under certain circumstances. Becomes operative April 1, 2016, with first payment due July 1, 2016. Applies orphan site fee and disposal tipping fee to building demolition and construction disposal sites and waste tire disposal sites. Applies fee that equals up to 50 percent of full disposal tipping fee to disposal of substitute material that is also used for daily cover. Becomes operative July 1, 2019. Repeals out-of-region fee differential. Requires report by Department of Environmental Quality no later than October 31, 2022, on options for sustainable and adequate funding of solid waste management, prevention, reuse and recycling programs and implementation of state's plan for integrated system of materials and waste management in State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (Proposed -5 Amendment) Replaces measure. Consolidates and updates authorized use of permit fees and tipping fees to include policy development, permitting, inspecting, monitoring, enforcement, training, technical assistance, responding to complaints, rulemaking, and other activities that support safe management of solid waste. Clarifies permit fees (ORS. 459.235) for disposal sites apply to sites that receive domestic solid waste or solid waste generated outside of state for final disposal or destruction and person who transports solid waste out of state for final disposal or destruction. Establishes fee is levied on district for solid waste delivered to disposal site owned and operated by metropolitan service district. Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to establish fees for composting if amount of waste tonnage per calendar year falls below 90 percent for two consecutive years and would remain in effect until EQC determines fee is no longer necessary. Requires solid waste disposal tipping fee be no more than \$1.18 per ton for biennium beginning July 1, 2015 and per-ton fee on disposal sites for composting be no more than per ton fee assessed on domestic solid waste, less \$0.81 per ton. Stipulates after July 1, 2017 Department of Administrative Services, and EQC may proportionally adjust fee to meet revenue needs consistent with legislative authorized budget or adjust for inflation based on certain guidelines. Establishes tipping fee rebate program for nine most economically distressed counties. Authorizes fees on disposal sites that receive and person who transport out of state for final disposal building demolition or construction wastes, land clearing debris and waste tires. Removes authority to establish different fees for disposal of solid waste generated outside of region. Establishes operative dates. Requires DEQ to submit report to interim legislative committee on environment and natural resources no later than October 31, 2022.

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BACKGROUND: The revenue for the Materials Management program comes from tipping and permit fees assessed on tons of solid waste disposed in Oregon. Revenue has declined sharply since 2008 with declines in disposal. At the same time, operating costs have increased and fees have not changed since 1994.