

**SB 245**

**Relating to solid waste disposal fees**

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The Department of Environmental Quality's materials management program is funded with tipping and permit fees assessed on tons of solid waste disposed in Oregon. There has been a decline in revenue since 2008 resulting from a decrease in disposal rates while operating costs have increased. SB 245 would increase tipping fees from \$0.81 to \$1.18 per ton, increasing Other Funds revenues by \$1.7 million in 2015-17. Fees were last changed in 1994. SB 245 also creates a tipping fee rebate program for the nine most economically distressed counties in the state. The revenue from this bill is assumed in the Co-Chair budget for the Department of Environmental Quality.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 245 be reported out do pass.