

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/01/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 02/25, 04/01**Vote:**

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Edwards, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - Olsen, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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 fees 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 of amount of waste tonnage averaged from 2014 to 2016 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 legislatively 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. Requires Department of Environmental Quality to submit report to interim legislative committee on environment and natural resources no later than October 31, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stakeholder outreach process
- Decline in revenue resulting in current funding levels
- Process to issue rebates to economically distressed counties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The revenue for the materials management program administered by the Department of Environmental Quality comes from 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. Fees were last changed in 1994.

Senate Bill 245A would increase tipping fees from \$0.81 to \$1.18 per ton. The Act applies fees to waste from building demolition or construction, land clearing debris and waste tires and may also apply to compost facilities depending on waste disposal rates. Senate Bill 245A would also create a tipping fee rebate program for the nine most economically distressed counties.