## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Environment and Water

n MEASURE: HI CARRIER: Re

FISCAL: No fiscal impact		
Action:		Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:		8 - 0 - 0
Y	leas:	Bailey, Barnhart, Bentz, Boone, Gilliam, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon
Ν	Nays:	0
E	Exc.:	0
Prepared By:		Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:		3/5, 3/31

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that metropolitan service districts may use money collected by the district as service or user fees for solid waste disposal for activities of regional concern that are directly related to reducing the environmental impact from the generation, collection, transportation, processing and disposal of solid waste. Applies to money collected by the district before, on or after effective date of Act.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Types of activities that qualify as being related to solid waste
- Ability of Metro to work with private partners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to solid waste disposal
- Whether measure would expand type of qualifying activities

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Metro is the regional government of the Portland metropolitan area. One of Metro's major responsibilities is the management of the region's solid waste system. State law directs how Metro may use the fees it collects on solid waste disposal. House Bill 2671A would clarify the types of activities that may be funded by solid waste fees.