

HB 3084 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/09/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Revenue by prior reference

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Barreto, McKeown, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Nays: 2 - Gorsek, Reardon

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/26, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits tax on use of suitable material other than virgin material for daily cover at a disposal site.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Environmental Protection Agency requirements
- No current tax on alternative daily cover
- Materials used to make alternative daily cover

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires landfill operators to place a six-inch layer of cover on top of a landfill every night. A landfill may be covered by either top soil from the surrounding area, or alternative daily cover (ADC), which is typically composed of used construction materials that have been ground by a recycler into powder. The materials used to create ADC would otherwise be disposed of in the landfill. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approves alternative daily cover designs or procedures. In 1995, the Oregon legislature added language to statute prohibiting fees for use of ADC.

House Bill 3084 would prohibit a tax on the use of suitable material other than virgin material for daily cover at a disposal site.