

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 57

Relating to hazardous waste fees

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Taylor

SB 57 modifies fees charged by the Department of Environmental Quality for the disposal of certain types of waste.

Under this measure, three types of hazardous waste would now have a disposal fee of \$20 per ton. Previously, this tonnage fee was charged on a tiered system, with costs per ton decreasing as the amount of waste increased. The measure also increases the disposal fee, often referred to as a “tipping fee”, for other types of waste from \$2 per ton to \$5 per ton. These fees were last increased in 2003.

Approval of these fees is assumed in the Department’s budget in order to fund the current service level of the Environmental Cleanup and Hazardous Waste programs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 57 be reported out do pass.