

**SB 57 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Rep. Pham**Joint Committee On Ways and Means****Action Date:** 06/18/21**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.**House Vote****Yeas:** 7 - Bynum, Gomberg, McLain, Nosse, Rayfield, Sanchez, Sollman**Nays:** 3 - Drazan, Leif, Stark**Exc:** 1 - Smith G**Senate Vote****Yeas:** 8 - Frederick, Golden, Gorsek, Hansell, Johnson, Lieber, Steiner Hayward, Taylor**Nays:** 4 - Anderson, Girod, Knopp, Thomsen**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** John Terpening, Budget Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 6/16, 6/18**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies fees charged by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 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. This includes polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hazardous waste subject to regulation as a result of removal or remedial action in response to environmental contamination, or hazardous waste from corrective action or closure of a waste management unit. 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. This includes non-hazardous solid waste, certain solid wastes from cleanup activities, and certain wastes that have been treated so they are no longer considered hazardous.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) manages waste designated as hazardous under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and oversees cleanup of brownfields, leaking underground fuel storage tanks, and other contaminated sites. DEQ's Hazardous Waste and Environmental Cleanup programs are partially funded through "tipping" fees, which are assessed when waste is disposed of at a hazardous waste landfill. Senate Bill 57 A modifies fees for the disposal of hazardous wastes and becomes operative January 1, 2022.