Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

SB 6677

Brief Description: Changing the composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Roach, Fairley and McCaslin; by request of State Treasurer.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Removes the State Treasurer as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority.

Hearing Date: 2/26/08

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

The Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority (Authority) was established in 2006 to implement an electronic product collection, transportation, and recycling program for covered electronic products (CEPs). Covered electronic products include computer monitors, personal computers, and televisions that have been used in the state by any household, charity, school district, small business, or small government.

Manufacturers offering CEPs for sale in Washington are required to register annually with the Department of Ecology and provide brand names of the CEPs sold by that manufacturer in the state. All administrative and operational costs associated with the collection, transportation, and recycling of CEPs are paid by the manufactures.

The Authority is governed by a board of directors (board), comprised of 11 members of participating manufacturers. The board must have representation from both television and computer manufacturers. The directors of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and the Department of Ecology, and the State Treasurer serve as ex officio members of the Board.

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Summary of Bill:

The State Treasurer is removed as an ex officio member of the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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