

2 **SHB 2670** - S AMD to S COMM AMD (S5019.2) - 234
3 By Senators Fraser, Hale and Morton

4 ADOPTED 3/3/00

5 On page 2, line 6, after "Sec. 2." strike the remainder of the
6 section through "December 15, 2000." on line 34 and insert: "(1) The
7 state solid waste advisory committee shall direct a study by the
8 department of ecology on the adequacy of financing to assure landfill
9 closure. The study shall include, but is not limited to:

10 (a) A clear description of the financial assurance mechanisms
11 authorized by law;

12 (b) A summary of current financial assurances for landfill closure
13 currently in place for all landfills in the state. The department
14 shall compile this information from existing sources such as capital
15 facilities plans authorized under the growth management act, local
16 government solid waste management plans and budgets, and financial
17 audits by the state auditor. The summary shall include, but shall not
18 be limited to:

19 (i) The estimated cost to close the landfill facility and the years
20 to closure;

21 (ii) The financial mechanisms approved by the jurisdictional health
22 department or the department to assure landfill closure; and

23 (iii) The status of financial mechanisms, including account
24 balance, loans against, or encumbrances on the financial mechanisms;
25 and

26 (c) The effect of various financial assurance mechanisms on
27 consumers' rates.

28 (2) The report shall include recommendations for modifying
29 requirements for financing mechanisms to assure landfill closure and
30 maintaining and reporting information on the status of financial
31 assurances. The solid waste advisory committee shall provide the
32 report to the legislature by December 15, 2000."

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EFFECT: Deletes the UTC from conducting the study of landfill closure financial assurances. Deletes the evaluation of landfills with affiliated interests with solid waste collection companies.