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By Senator Rasmussen

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Energy & Water.

1 AN ACT Relating to solid waste disposal standards; and amending RCW
2 70.95.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.95.060 and 1999 c 116 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall adopt rules establishing minimum
7 functional standards for solid waste handling, consistent with the
8 standards specified in this section. The department may classify areas
9 of the state with respect to population density, climate, geology, and
10 other relevant factors bearing on solid waste disposal standards.

11 (2) In addition to the minimum functional standards adopted by the
12 department under subsection (1) of this section, each landfill facility
13 whose area at its design capacity will exceed one hundred acres and
14 whose horizontal height at design capacity will average one hundred
15 feet or more above existing site elevations shall comply with the
16 standards of this subsection. This subsection applies ((only)) to
17 wholly new solid waste landfill facilities, no part or unit of which
18 has had construction commence before April 27, 1999, and to any
19 expansion or modification of an existing landfill, when that

1 modification or expansion begins on or after July 1, 2001, and results
2 in a total landfill design capacity meeting or exceeding the criteria
3 in this section.

4 (a) No landfill or modification or expansion of an existing
5 landfill as specified in this subsection may be located:

6 (i) So that the active area is closer than five miles to any
7 national park or a public or private nonprofit zoological park
8 displaying native animals in their native habitats; or

9 (ii) Over a sole source aquifer designated under the federal safe
10 drinking water act, if such designation was effective before January 1,
11 1999.

12 (b) Each landfill specified in this subsection (2) shall be
13 constructed with an impermeable berm around the entire perimeter of the
14 active area of the landfill of such height, thickness, and design as
15 will be sufficient to contain all material disposed in the event of a
16 complete failure of the structural integrity of the landfill.

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