

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**2SSB 5288**

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**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Extending the expiration date of the solid waste collection tax.

**SPONSORS:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Talmadge and Haugen; by request of Department of Ecology)

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY & PARKS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE**

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1989, in response to the shortage of landfill space and the growing need for solid waste management, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act was established. The plan set solid waste management priorities including recycling and processing mixed waste. A statewide goal of 50 percent was set for recycling.

The Solid Waste Management Act established an additional solid waste collection tax. The solid waste collection tax assessed is 1 percent of the fee charged for solid waste collection and disposal. The tax is imposed on each person using the services of a solid waste collection or disposal business. The solid waste collection tax expires on July 1, 1993.

**SUMMARY:**

The expiration date for the solid waste collection tax is extended from July 1, 1993 until July 1, 1995.

The uses of the revenues from the solid waste collection tax are specified. The funds may be used for grants to local governments to develop and implement waste reduction and recycling programs, enhance markets for recycled content products, and for the disposal of contaminated household used oil. The account may also fund Department of Ecology programs to provide technical assistance to local governments in developing and implementing local solid waste management programs, and to conduct research and studies regarding solid waste management activities.

It is clarified that revenues from the solid waste collection tax are expanded to include the administration and collection of the tax.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	31	17
House	74	22

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 1993