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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2226**

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**State of Washington**

**53rd Legislature**

**1994 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Horn, Rust and Cooke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to solid waste handling; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that local governments  
6 and private waste management companies have significantly changed solid  
7 waste management services in an effort to preserve landfill space and  
8 to avoid costly environmental cleanups of municipal landfills. The  
9 legislature recognizes that these new services have enabled the state  
10 to achieve one of the nation's highest recycling rates.

11 The legislature also finds that the need to pay for the cleanup of  
12 past disposal practices and to provide new recycling services has  
13 caused solid waste rates to increase substantially. The legislature  
14 further finds that private solid waste collection companies regulated  
15 by the utilities and transportation commission are required to provide  
16 public notice but that city-managed solid waste collection systems are  
17 not. The legislature declares it to be in the public interest for  
18 city-managed systems to provide public notice of solid waste rate  
19 increases.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) A city that contracts for the collection of solid waste, or  
4 provides for the collection of solid waste directly, shall notify the  
5 public of each proposed rate increase for a solid waste handling  
6 service.    The notice may be mailed to each affected ratepayer or  
7 published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
8 general circulation in the collection area.    The notice shall be  
9 available to affected ratepayers at least forty-five days prior to the  
10 proposed effective date of the rate increase.

11        (2) For purposes of this section, "solid waste handling" has the  
12 same meaning as provided in RCW 70.95.030.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15        (1) A city that contracts for the collection of solid waste, or  
16 provides for the collection of solid waste directly, shall notify the  
17 public of each proposed rate increase for a solid waste handling  
18 service.    The notice may be mailed to each affected ratepayer or  
19 published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
20 general circulation in the collection area.    The notice shall be  
21 available to affected ratepayers at least forty-five days prior to the  
22 proposed effective date of the rate increase.

23        (2) For purposes of this section, "solid waste handling" has the  
24 same meaning as provided in RCW 70.95.030.

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