HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1519

As Reported By House Committee on: Environmental Affairs

Title: An act relating to transporting recovered materials.

Brief Description: Concerning the transport of recovered materials.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Sprenkle, D. Sommers, Rust, Horn, G. Fisher, Phillips and Pruitt.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Environmental Affairs, February 15, 1991, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Rust, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Horn, Ranking Minority Member; Edmondson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bray; Brekke; G. Fisher; Neher; Phillips; Pruitt; Sprenkle; and Van Luven.

Staff: Rick Anderson (786-7114).

Background: The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) regulates the rates of certain trucking companies that operate exclusively within the state.

Legislation enacted last year exempted companies that transport recyclable materials from rate regulation under certain conditions. One such condition stipulates that trucking companies are eligible for the exemption only when they collect recyclables from a site generating 10,000 or more tons of recyclable materials per year.

Summary of Bill: The exemption from UTC rate regulation is broadened by allowing a trucking company to meet the 10,000 ton requirement by collecting from several sites if those sites are owned by the same person or company.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This change is necessary to implement last year's bill as intended.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: John Ficker, Weyerhaeuser (pro); and John Paul Jones, Washington Waste Management Association (pro).