

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2633

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Environmental Affairs*

**Title:** An act relating to local hazardous waste plans.

**Brief Description:** Requiring local governments to encourage use of privately owned moderate-risk waste facilities.

**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Rust, Horn, Valle, Heavey and J. Kohl.

**Brief History:**

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**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; J. Kohl; Neher; Pruitt; D. Sommers; and Sprenkle.

**Minority Report:** *Without recommendation.* Signed by 1 member: Representative Van Luven.

**Staff:** Rick Anderson (786-7114).

**Background:** A number of private facilities in the state provide services to collect and recycle certain types of moderate-risk wastes.

Moderate risk wastes are hazardous wastes that are generated in small quantities, less than 220 lbs per month. Examples of moderate-risk waste include antifreeze, used oil filters, and "household hazardous wastes" such as the discarded containers of pesticides, cleaners, paints, and solvents. Moderate-risk wastes are exempt from hazardous waste laws.

Local governments are required by law to establish a program to manage moderate risk wastes. Local governments have initiated a wide variety of programs to collect moderate risk waste; these programs range from collection vehicles with established routes to annual or semi-annual collection days. Current law also requires local governments to

coordinate with private facilities involved in managing moderate risk waste.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill requires local governments to take certain actions to incorporate private sector management of moderate-risk waste if the local government determines that a private facility offers an acceptable service at a reasonable price. Actions that a local government can take include, but are not limited to, restricting or prohibiting the land disposal of a moderate risk waste.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested January 24, 1992.

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

**Testimony For:** The private sector should help local governments manage moderate-risk wastes whenever possible. HB 2633 will help keep certain types of moderate-risk wastes, such as oil filters, out of landfills by encouraging private recycling.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Jane Ginn, Hart Crowser (pro); Llewellyn Matthews, Northwest Pulp and Paper Association (pro); Paul Parker, Washington State Association of Counties (pro); George F. Tyler (pro); and Jim Eubanks (pro).