

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2633

Synopsis as Enacted

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

By House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Rust, Horn, Valle, Heavey and J. Kohl).

House Committee on Environmental Affairs
Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

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: 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.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	49	0

Effective: June 11, 1992

