

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5878**

**AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 14, 1991**

**Brief Description:** Including grants to other state agencies in the types of grants that the department of ecology administers from tire fee funds.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Stratton and Saling.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Thorsness, Chairman; Saling, Vice Chairman; Patterson, Roach, Sutherland, and Williams.

**Staff:** Phil Moeller (786-7445)

**Hearing Dates:** March 1, 1991; March 5, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) administers a fund to promote ways to recycle waste vehicle tires. The main source of this fund is a \$1 per tire fee that is charged on the retail sales of new replacement vehicle tires.

Ecology is directed to administer the funds by making grants to local governments for: pilot demonstration projects for on-site shredding and recycling of tires from unauthorized dump sites; enforcement programs; a public information program; and product marketing studies for recycled tires and alternatives to land disposal.

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Ecology is authorized to make grants to other state agencies for projects that involve recycling of or energy production from waste tires.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** requested March 1, 1991

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This legislation further clarifies options for the Department of Ecology and may lead to a positive solution to the problem of waste vehicle tires.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Joseph Munger, Process Fuels, Inc. (pro); Lynn Lodmel,  
DOC-CI; Jay Sheppard, Department of Ecology