

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6677

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As Passed Senate, February 18, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

**Brief Description:** Changing the composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

**Sponsors:** Senators Fraser, Roach, Fairley and McCaslin; by request of State Treasurer.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/29/08, 1/31/08 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/18/08, 42-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Kline, McDermott, Pridemore and Swecker.

**Staff:** Cindy Calderon (786-7784)

**Background:** The Washington materials management and financing authority (authority) is a public body and an instrument of Washington. The authority plans and implements an electronic product collection, transportation, and recycling program for manufactures of covered electronic products. Covered electronic products include: all computer monitors, personal computers, and televisions sold to consumers for personal use. All administrative and operational costs associated with the collection, transportation, and recycling of covered electronic products is paid by participating manufactures. Manufacturers offering covered electronic products for sale in Washington register annually with the Department of Ecology.

The authority is governed by a board of directors (board), comprised of 11 members of participating manufacturers. The board has representation from both television and computer manufacturers. Additionally, the board is composed of three ex officio members: the directors of, the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development; the Department of Ecology; and the State Treasurer. The agency directors and the State Treasure may designate an employee of their department to act in their behalf.

**Summary of Bill:** Removes the State Treasure as an ex officio member and his or her authority to designate someone to act on his or her behalf.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The authority was created to implement the collection, transportation, and recycling program for manufactures of electronic equipment. The State Treasurer supports the Legislature's intent to establish a convenient, safe, and environmentally sound system. However, the connection between the authority of its commission and the State Treasurer's Office is non-existent.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Fraser, prime sponsor; Shad Pruitt, State Treasurer Office.