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H.B. 4626 (S-3): FLOOR ANALYSIS

House Bill 4626 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Larry DeVuyst

House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 111 (Hazardous Waste Management) and Part 121 (Liquid Industrial Wastes) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- -- Provide for the appropriation of revenue from hazardous waste disposal fees to implement the aquatic nuisance species control program and to fund hazardous waste management programs.
- -- Create the hazardous waste and liquid industrial waste users account within the Environmental Pollution Prevention Fund.
- -- Establish manifest processing user charges and penalties, site identification number user charges, and annual handler user charges and penalties.
- -- Impose site identification user charges for liquid industrial waste.

MCL 324.11104 et al. Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in an increase in revenue from various fees and charges, as well as a change in the distribution of revenue from existing sources.

The bill would allow specifically the appropriation of the revenue from hazardous waste disposal fees for two new purposes: 1) up to \$500,000 for the implementation of the aquatic nuisance species control program; and 2) support of the Department of Environmental Quality's hazardous waste program in FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03. The FY 2001-02 appropriation act for the Department of Environmental Quality includes \$1,100,000 from hazardous waste disposal fees for the hazardous waste program. There is a projected balance of approximately \$10 million from this revenue source at the end of FY 2000-01. Annual revenues are projected to be less than \$4 million, while FY 2001-02 appropriations from this source are nearly \$5.8 million.

The fees and charges created by the bill would result in increased revenue for the operation of the hazardous waste management program of between \$1.6 million and \$2.0 million annually. Based on 1998 data sources, the amounts generated by the site identification number charge would be approximately \$50,000; by the handler charges would be between \$1 million and \$1.2 million; and by manifest fees would be between \$500,000 and \$900,000. The operating costs of the program are greater than \$5 million annually, with approximately \$3.6 million supported by Federal sources, and the remainder by fees.

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