

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 2, 2008
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1016
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BILL SUMMARY: Disposal Based Measurement Compliance

This bill would make a number of changes to the Integrated Waste Management Act (the Act) administered by the Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board). Some of the significant changes include: (1) requiring the Waste Board, after January 1, 2009, to determine compliance with the Act's diversion goals by using a revised per capita disposal rate comparison; (2) authorizing the Waste Board to consider a local agency's or facility's per capita disposal rate as a factor in determining whether the agency or facility is complying with its integrated waste management plans; and (3) clarifying and consolidating the information required for the annual report submitted by local jurisdictions to the Waste Board. In addition, the bill would require revenues collected from the sale of recyclable materials in a local community college district to be used to offset the cost of the district's recycling programs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

- The Waste Board reports, and Finance concurs, that this bill could result in minor cost savings to the Waste Board and local agencies.
- Section 20 of the bill contains an appropriate "self-financing authority" state-mandated cost disclaimer.
- California Community Colleges (CCC) has not yet commented on this bill. Consequently, Finance assumes any increased CCC costs would be no more than that as reported by the Waste Board.

COMMENTS

This bill would have no fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 10, 2007 version make the following significant changes which do not alter our position:

- Requires the Waste Board, after January 1, 2009, to determine compliance with the Act's diversion goals by using a revised per capita disposal rate comparison.

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- Authorizes the Waste Board to consider a local agency's or facility's per capita disposal rate as a factor in determining whether the agency or facility is complying with its integrated waste management plans.
- Clarifies and consolidates the information required for the annual report submitted by local jurisdictions to the Waste Board.
- Requires revenues collected from the sale of recyclable materials in a local community college district to be used to offset the cost of recycling programs.
- Requires the Waste Board staff to visit annually each jurisdiction to monitor the jurisdiction's implementation and maintenance of its diversion programs.

ANALYSIS

A. Programmatic Analysis

Currently, the Act requires cities and counties to divert 50 percent of solid waste from landfills through source reduction, recycling, and composting. Additionally, cities and counties are required to submit an annual report to the Waste Board that summarizes their progress in reducing solid waste and requires the report to contain specified information (e.g., calculations of annual disposal reduction, information on changes in waste generated or disposed, progress in diverting construction and demolition waste material).

This bill would make a number of changes to the Act, which, according to the Waste Board are intended to streamline the solid waste compliance diversion system by focusing on disposal reduction and also improving the accuracy of the reporting system. In addition, the bill would require revenues collected from the sale of recyclable materials in a local community college district to be used to offset the cost of recycling programs. According to the Waste Board, this change is needed to address a claim submitted by the CCC to the Commission on State Mandates for reimbursement for complying with the state's diversion goals.

B. Fiscal Analysis

The Waste Board reports, and Finance concurs, that this bill could result in minor cost savings to the Waste Board and local agencies. The CCC has not yet commented on this bill. Consequently, Finance assumes any increased CCC costs to satisfy the revised annual reporting requirements would be no more than that as reported by the Waste Board.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO LA CO RV	PROP 98	FC	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						Fund Code
				(Dollars in Thousands)						
				2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011		
3910/Waste Mgmt	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0387	
6870/Comm College	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0001	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0001	General Fund									
0387	Integrated Waste Management Account									