

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 20, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 2388
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BILL SUMMARY: Hazardous Waste: Identification Number

Existing law allows the suspension of an identification number of a generator, transporter, or facility operator who does not comply with certain requirements. This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) by July 1, 2011 to revise the identification number certification system to provide a method for an immediate reactivation of a suspended identification number of a hazardous waste generator.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The DTSC advises that the costs would be up to \$371,000 from the Hazardous Waste Control Account (HWCA) and 2.5 positions in 2010-11 to revise the existing system. The DTSC also indicates that the first year cost would be absorbed within its existing budget.

The DTSC further indicates that in 2011-2012 the costs would be \$240,000 HWCA, including \$74,000 for workshops and web page development and \$166,000 for online transaction costs. Currently, the projected fund balance in 2010-11 is \$25 million. Consequently, we believe that the HWCA can support this proposal.

The DTSC also anticipates that the proposal could create savings and efficiencies for the department. The savings could be approximately \$155,000, including \$80,000 savings in mailing and printing costs for verification questionnaires and \$75,000 savings in hiring temporary staff for handling the questionnaires and phone calls and inputting questionnaire data. It appears that the savings could cover most of the implementation costs.

COMMENTS

We are neutral on this bill because it could streamline the hazardous waste generator identification system, and because it could create savings and efficiencies in the DTSC.

The intent of this proposal is to ensure that all hazardous waste is collected by a registered hazardous waste transporter as expeditiously as possible in full compliance with all of California's hazardous waste laws and regulations. Specifically, this bill would implement the following requirements:

- Calculate the number of workers employed by a generator, transporter, or facility operator based on the number of those who work more than 500 hours in a calendar year.
Suspend a generator, transporter, or facility operator who fails to provide information verifying the accuracy of hazardous waste. Such violation would also be subjected to any other authorized enforcement action.
Require the DTSC by July 1, 2011 to revise the identification number certification system to allow the immediate reactivation of a suspended identification number of a hazardous waste generator by means of a wireless communication device.

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	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012		
3960/ToxicSubCtrl	SO	No	C	\$0	C	\$0	C	\$240		0014
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0014	Hazardous Waste Control Account									