

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/20/2012  
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 2670  
AUTHOR: Asm Natural Resources

**BILL SUMMARY: Solid waste recycling: facilities.**

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Integrated Waste Management Act (Act) and is responsible for promoting waste management practices aimed at reducing the amount of waste that is disposed in landfills. These practices include source reduction, recycling, and composting. This bill would make various technical and clarifying changes to the Act.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

According to CalRecycle, this bill would have no fiscal impact, because its provisions are technical and clarifying in nature.

Although some sections of the bill would apply to local governments, including the provision defining "commercial solid waste," CalRecycle indicates that the bill would not create a state-mandated program, because there would be no substantive change to the requirements on local governments that exist in current law.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 10, 2012 version are minor and do not alter our position. The most significant change is the removal of an exemption allowing some solid waste permit modifications, not requiring a permit revision, to be completed without holding a public hearing. The amended bill would continue the current practice of requiring at least one public hearing before an enforcement agency can make a determination regarding a solid waste permit modification request.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on the bill because it would make technical and clarifying changes to existing law without resulting in costs or cost pressures.

This bill would make various technical and clarifying changes to the Act, including defining the term "postconsumer material" to include finished plastic packaging that has been rejected for use by the container or product manufacturer and a container that holds an obsolete or unsold product that would otherwise be thrown away. As it relates to mandatory commercial recycling, the bill would correct an incorrect cross reference and amend the definition of the term "commercial solid waste" to include all types of solid waste generated by a store, office, or other commercial or public entity, including a business or a multifamily dwelling of five units or more.

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<u>Fund Code</u> 0387	<u>Title</u> Integrated Waste Management Account						