



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING
ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SOLID WASTE DIVISION

Monday, April 21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

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| Meeting Topics | | | Outcomes |
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| 1. | Call to Order | 10:00 | Action |
| 2. | Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes | 10:00 - 10:05 | Action |
| 3. | Public Comment Period | 10:05 - 10:10 | Information |
| 4. | Operations Update | 10:10 - 10:15 | Information |
| 5. | Waste Organics Diversion | 10:25 - 10:55 | Discussion |
| 6. | Amendment to SWAC Bylaws | 10:55 - 11:00 | Action |
| 7. | Curbside Recycling Update | 11:00 - 11:15 | Discussion |
| 8. | Legislative Update | 11:15 - 11:20 | Information |
| 9. | WSU Waste Wise Program | 11:20 - 11:25 | Information |
| 10. | Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items | 11:25 - 11:30 | Discussion |
| 11. | Adjournment | 11:30 | Action |

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AGENDA ITEM 2: *Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes*

PRESENTER: *Gynon Nash, Solid Waste Division Attendant Supervisor*

BOARD ACTION: ☒ Action Item Discussion Information

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Review and approve draft meeting minutes.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- January 27, 2025 draft SWAC meeting minutes

ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE

January 27, 2025

Members Present:

George Place, Joe Grogan, Randi Perry, Dar Christopherson, Sarah Bergquist, and Andrew Riggs

Staff Present:

Jeff Hegedus (Public Works), James Sylvester (Public Works) and Gynon Nash (Public Works)

Others Present:

Katie Jerauld (Dept of Ecology)

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Island County SWAC was called to order on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 10:05 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting, by Sarah Bergquist, Chairperson.

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes:

Roll call determined the correct amount of a quorum. The minutes for the October 21, 2024, SWAC meeting were approved as written. The motion for approval was made by Dar Christopherson and 2nd by George Place. Motion approved - all in favor.

Public Comment Period:

Katie Jerauld informed the committee of the following and will email Jeff Hegedus links with more information.

- FundHubWA an online portal that shares available federal and state funding and incentives focused on for climate and clean energy opportunities
- The Federal Funds Grant Writing Assistance Program, a free consulting program that helps organizations apply for federal grants that support climate and clean energy
- The Organic Management Model Ordinances
- The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance grant

Operations Update:

Jeff Hegedus updated the committee on operations:

- For 3rd year in a row solid waste tonnage has decreased 2%, in 2024 septage tonnage has increased 48%
- Coupeville transfer station continues to take abandoned/junk recreational vehicles as part of homeless cleanup
- Landfill monitoring and maintenance proceeds routinely.
- Updated the committee about regional glass recycling issues

Solid Waste Rate Structure :

Jeff Hegedus informed the committee Solid Waste had a 36% increase in shipping and disposal costs, this resulted in a rate increase 15.3% which has been approved by the BOICC and will on the consent agenda at tomorrow's public meeting. This rate increase will only affect materials that are landfilled (not appliance, tires and yard waste) and is in addition to the

annual CPI Index increase of 5.8% that went into effect on January 1, 2025. Septage rates stayed the same.

Project Updates :

Jeff Hegedus gave the committee project updates:

- Now that the compactor at Coupeville has been installed, working on designing and applying for building permit for a roof over the cylinder and a new operator control shack.
- Equipment: Vacuum sweeper acquired. Yard goats, loaders and backhoes repaired or replaced. Purchasing a backhoe this year
- At the Coupeville site a new furnace was installed in the shop/meeting room, exterior lights replaced and expanded, tipping floor repaired, MRW sheds replaced, Orca building upgraded, mural completed, landscaping expanded.
- The Bayview site was expanded, slopes stabilized, fully fenced, lighting expanded, and has new MRW sheds
- The North Whidbey site was expanded, new mobile office installed, and MRW sheds replaced
- At Camano the scale house was renovated, and fencing added. A security system, utility sheds were installed, and MRW sheds replaced. Fall protection mitigation is being installed.
- The Coupeville landfill Financial Assurance Plan is being updated

Amendment to SWAC Bylaws :

Following a SWAC recommendation to include youth representation on SWAC, staff drafted an amendment to the bylaws which was presented to the committee.

Randi Perry moved to amend the draft to include 2-year terms for sophomore thru senior youth, the motion was 2nd by Dar Christopherson. Motion approved - all in favor.

Next a motion to approve the amendment to the bylaws was made by Dar Christopherson and 2nd by George Place. Motion approved - all in favor.

Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan :

Jeff Hegedus informed the committee that it is time for the required 5-year update to the Island County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Plan and asked committee members to review the plan, think about joining the subcommittee, and picking up this discussion at the next SWAC meeting.

Legislative Update:

Jeff Hegedus provided the committee with current solid waste related legislative proposals, bill status and upcoming events, see agenda packet for more information.

WSU Waste Wise Program:

Sarah Bergquist updated the committee on the WSU Waste Wise program:

- Waste Wise is planning training for this fall, focusing on plastics
- Working on grant applications
- Applying for NW Clean Energy grant for community organics program

Dar Christopherson gave in update on the Community Litter Cleanup Program which specially focuses on our shorelines. The group of citizen volunteers noticed a number of shotgun wads on local beaches and started to track where they were coming from with help from Department of Fish & Wildlife, community involvement, and collaboration with hunters. Recently 500 shotgun wads were found, in approximately 45 minutes, on the beach at Windjammer Park. The group is applying for a grant to fund bio-wads to help prevent micro-plastics from shotgun wads in the environment.

Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items:
None

Adjournment:

Sarah Bergquist adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m., the next regular scheduled SWAC meeting will be April 21, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____ 2025

Sarah Bergquist, SWAC Chair

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AGENDA ITEM 4: Operations Update

PRESENTER: Jeff Hegedus, Solid Waste Division Manager

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion ☒ Information

| | Customer Count March | | | Garbage Tonnage March | | Garbage Tonnage Year to Date (Jan thru Mar) | | | Recycling Tonnage March | | Recycling Tonnage Year to Date (Jan thru Mar) | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------|---------|--|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------|---|---------|------|
| | 2024 | 2025 | | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Public @ CV | | | | 1401.09 | 1402.95 | 3742.82 | 3570.73 | ↓5% | | | | | |
| ID & City of OH @CV | | | | 2213.29 | 2264.58 | 6751.10 | 6703.55 | ↓1% | | | | | |
| 50%/No Charge | | | | 35.68 | 53.64 | 88.56 | 85.06 | ↓4% | | | | | |
| Coupeville | 7267 | 7770 | ↑7% | | | | | | 35.86 | 57.79 | 126.09 | 186.52 | ↑48% |
| Bayview | 1027 | 1039 | ↑1% | 35.83 | 30.25 | 109.57 | 92.66 | ↓15% | 93.82* | 88.99* | 249.33* | 238.10* | ↓5%* |
| N Whidbey | 291 | 285 | ↓2% | 12.33 | 11.92 | 32.36 | 29.74 | ↓8% | 41.21 | 55.24 | 128.41 | 162.30 | ↑26% |
| Camano | 3372 | 3173 | ↓6% | 858.47 | 888.69 | 2359.45 | 2376.36 | ↑1% | 53.15 | 57.67 | 172.83 | 166.45 | ↓4% |
| System Wide | 11957 | 12267 | ↑3% | 4556.69 | 4652.03 | 13083.86 | 12858.10 | ↓2% | | | | | |

*Estimate based on number of loads hauled

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After a 4% increase in 2021, solid waste tonnage decreased by 2% in 2022, 2023, 2024 and in the first quarter of 2025. Septage tonnage increased in 2024 by 48% to 1.4 million gallons, and then by another 25% in the first quarter of 2025.

Operations proceed as normal. The new Coupeville transfer station main compactor is installed, and is yielding a 10% increase in compaction and transportation savings. The compactor control shack is installed, and the HPU roof permit has been approved and construction will begin soon. The North Whidbey Solid Waste & Recycling Center site expansion is near completion, and the new office has been installed. Landfill monitoring and maintenance work proceeds routinely as required, and the 5 Year Coupeville Landfill Financial Assurance Plan has been updated and approved. Following competitive bidding, contract negotiations for both the long haul transportation and disposal services, and Camano Island recycling services, have been awarded. Due to increased landfilling and transportation costs, the solid waste tipping fee has now been increased by 22%. The five year update to the 2020 Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, and the required 5 year rate analysis, will begin in 2025.

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AGENDA ITEM 5: Waste Organics Diversion

PRESENTER: *Katie Gwathmey, Mill Industries Inc.*

| <i>BOARD ACTION:</i> | <i>Action Item</i> | <i><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion</i> | <i>Information</i> |
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SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In support of new requirements regarding 75% diversion of waste organics from being landfilled by 2030 <https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/reducing-recycling-waste/organics-and-food-waste/2022-organics-management-law> , Katie Gwathmey representing Mill Industries will present an innovative and interesting approach.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Mill Industries, Inc. Waste Organics Diversion PowerPoint presentation

Introduction to Mill Food Recycler

April 2025

The amount of food wasted globally is massive.

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40%

Of food produced for human consumption is **wasted**.

[Source: FAO]

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In direct **economic costs** are due to food waste every year.

[Source: FAO]



In emissions, its **impact** would equal the 3rd largest country following China and the US.

[Source: UNEP]

But it's very hard to manage

It gets icky.

Food is what makes trash stink!

It's expensive.

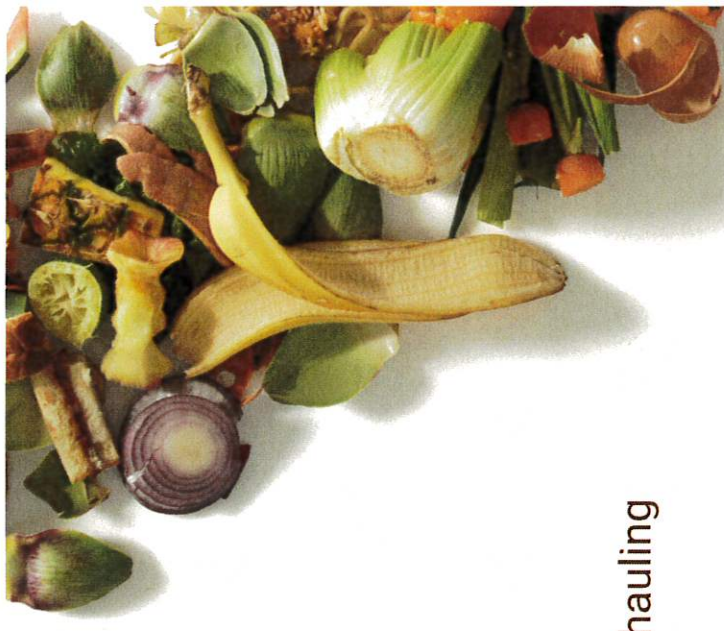
The food itself, of course. But also: compostable bags, emptying, and hauling costs.

It's hard to measure.

Often mixed in other streams, tricky to understand baselines.

Trash is a habit

Tough to change behavior when there aren't easy options.



Mill is on a mission to eliminate food waste

- Founded in 2020, our team has a history of creating world-class hardware solutions to scale impact. **We make doing the right thing the easy thing.**
- We believe technology can transform the ease, economics, and impact of food waste prevention.
- Mill's municipal team consists of experts in **food waste, policy, and solid waste program implementation.**

Trusted by municipalities, companies and offices alike including:



City of Phoenix



Our solution centers around **Mill's** odorless, effortless, fully automated food recycler



Mill's Food Recycler

Resident Facing Application

Fleet Platform with real-time measurement and reporting

Education & outreach support with customizable materials

Expert implementation and account management support

How Mill food recycler works



Add almost anything

Tackles almost any food scraps, from turkey bones to avocado pits. No instruction manual required.



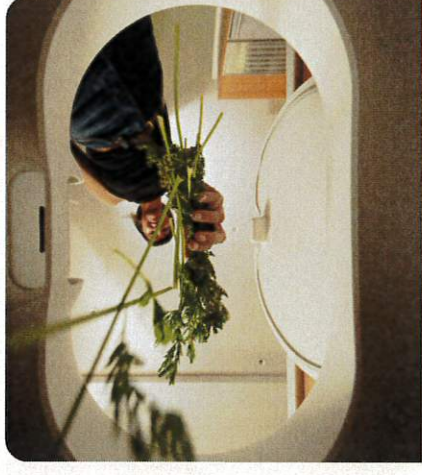
Runs overnight automatically

You don't even have to press a button — Mill knows how much you add, and runs efficiently and quietly while you sleep and done by breakfast.



Odorless

State-of-the-art odor filtration system means it never smells, ever. Even in smaller spaces.



Keep filling it for weeks

Reduces your food waste volume by 80%. Can take ~40 lbs of wet food scraps before it needs to be emptied, saving countless trips to the curb.

Overnight processing reduces weight by 80%



What this means at scale!

Collectively a single
box truck can fit a
month of scraps
from 2,600
households



Food grounds (the output) fits seamlessly into existing municipal infrastructure



Feed your garden

Backyard application reduces collection and disposal costs



Create compost

Green bin collection diverts organics from landfill



Make energy

Energy dense and high surface area for RNG production



Make animal feed

FDA + AAFCO-approved for commercial use

Resident App & Fleet Software

Corresponding data helps individuals and municipalities measure impact

Individual-level

To support the desired behavior change



Community-level

To measure impact and determine if the program is effective

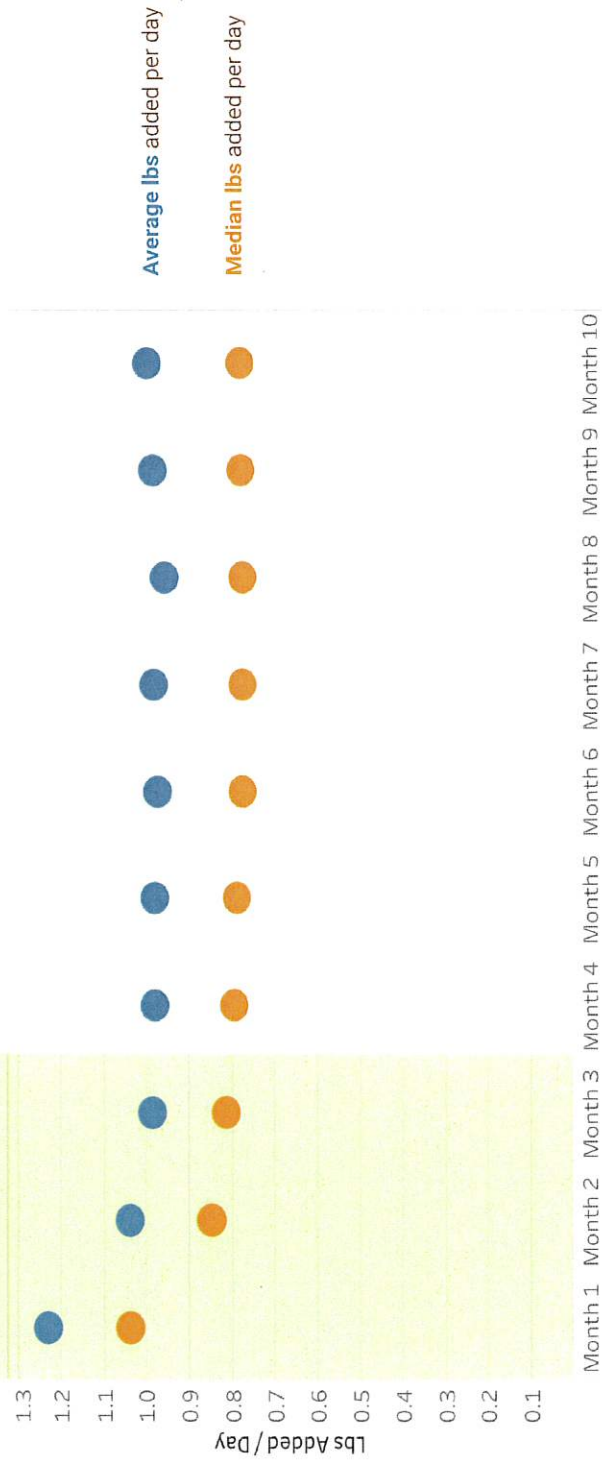


And the data shows that Mill users are changing their behavior

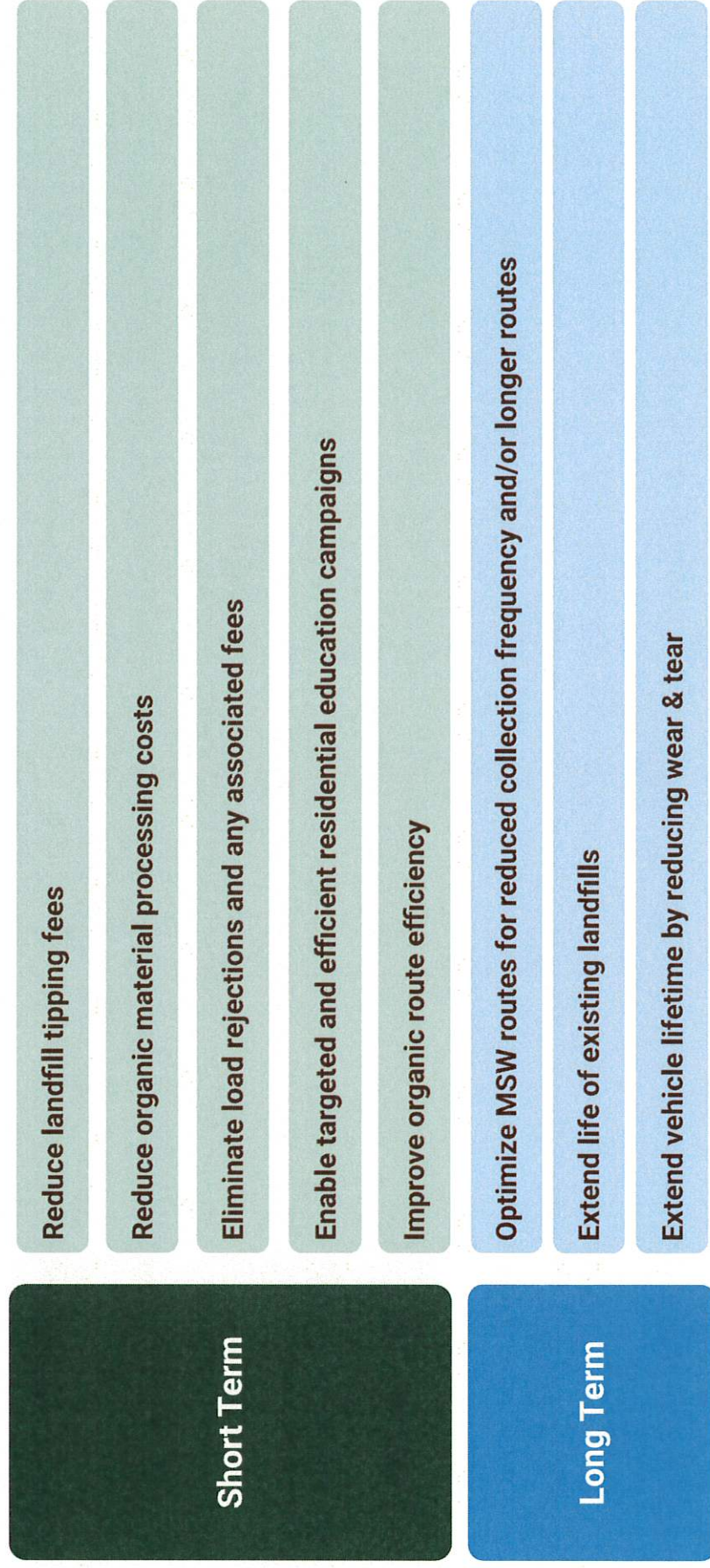
20%

Decrease in lbs added over the first 3-4 months.

On device measurement of inputs over time



While cities can unlock cost-savings across solid waste operations



How municipalities work with Mill

Municipal Building Program

Cities walk the walk with Mill, diverting food waste from municipal buildings including:

- City hall
- Fire stations
- Police stations
- Libraries and more

Case Study:



Residential Programs

No existing programs

Create a new, local loop service

Mill & City partner together to design, implement, and co-promote a Mill local loop offering (device, pick up, farm box) for a monthly service fee

Case Study:



Long term, established programs

Establish monthly, curbside collection program

Mill is looking for a partner to establish an efficient curbside program that only needs to be serviced monthly

Case Study:



Incorporate Mill to boost participation in city curbside

Mill & City create custom resident offer to drive participation and efficiencies in curbside program

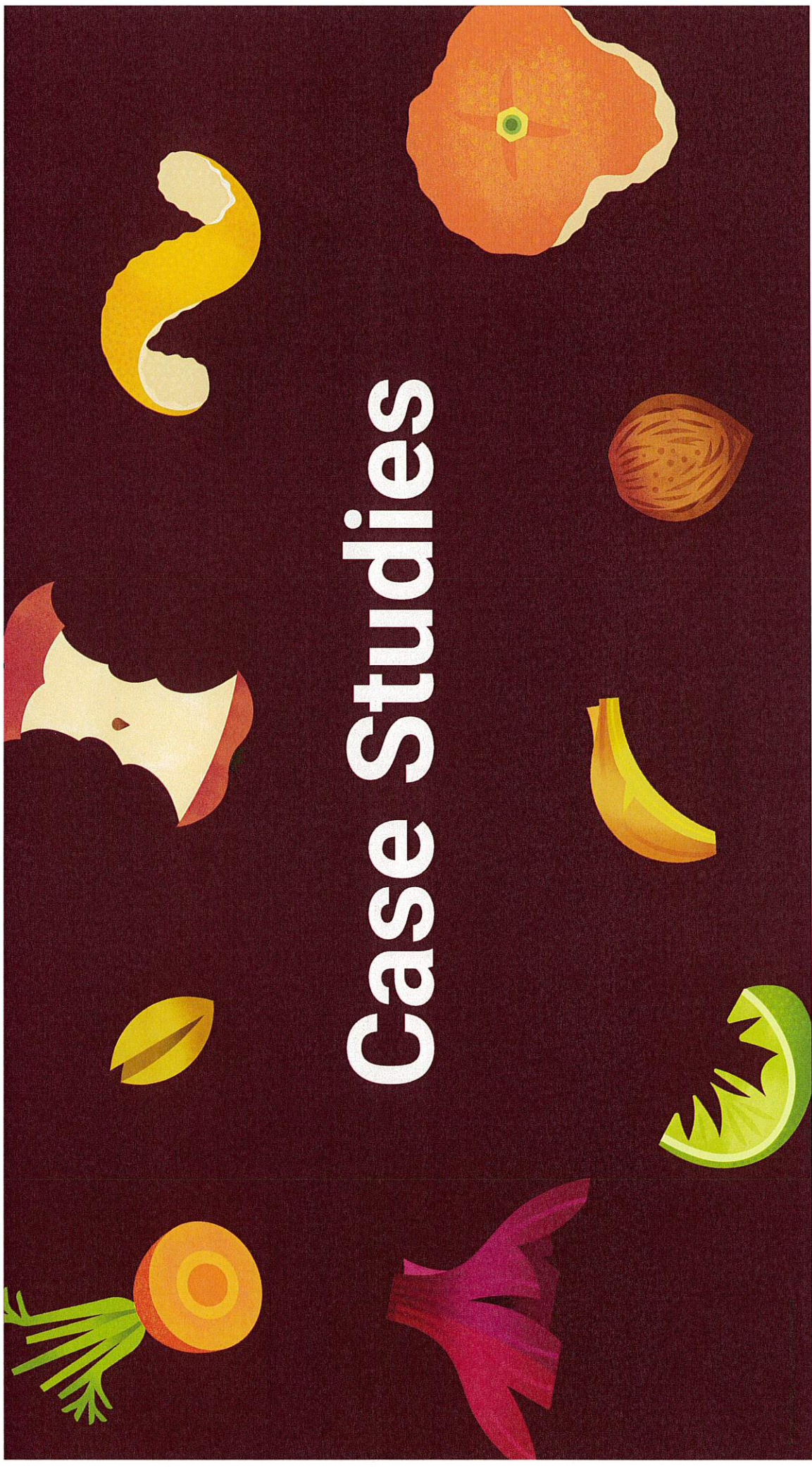
Case Study:



Provide service for hard to reach residents

Utilize Mill as a way to provide service to hard-to-reach communities, including multi-family & rural populations

Case Studies



Case Study

Mill x City of Phoenix

BY THE NUMBERS

125k+

Lbs of food waste diverted to date

4.5 avg

Lid opens per day

Average impact of Mill households so far:

20x

diversion

compared to the average American household¹

10,000 ton

miles saved

for Phoenix garbage and transfer trucks

Program Snapshots



Co-Marketing to Residents

Mill is teaming up with the City of Phoenix to increase food recycling participation rates in Phoenix by co-promoting Mill to residents, as a first step towards city-wide service integration.²



Mill in City Buildings

Over 25 Mill food recyclers installed across Phoenix's City Hall. In the first two months of use, city employees diverted **nearly 1,000 lbs** of food waste. Expansion conversations are underway with police buildings, fire stations, and the convention center.



Arizona State University (ASU) Research Study

City of Phoenix used federal grant to fund ASU to conduct study on household food waste behaviors in food desert communities.

ASU used surplus funds from study to purchase Mill food recyclers for participants in the study and City's Backyard Garden program.

¹ Per EPA data, only 3.20% of US household was composted in 2019. ² Mill press release. City of Phoenix [newstream](#).

Municipal Case Study: Tacoma, WA



Why Tacoma?

- ~90k HH, environmentally-focused municipality
- 10+ years curbside food scrap collection program
- Struggling with participation and diversion - 28% of refuse stream still food / only 4% of green bin food.

Key question

Would the presence of an in-home food recycler increase participation and diversion rates (increasing the ROI on significant investment made to date in organics curbside collection program)

2015 Waste Characterization Study



Garbage cart:

28.1% food waste
13,188 tons of food disposed



Organics cart:

95.4% yard & other
4.6% food waste
1,204 tons of food waste diverted

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Fullness of City garbage container on service day
Before Mill → After Mill



Goal Outcome

Increase Participation
52% of participants had never previously composted

Increase Diversion
10x diversion (1.0 lb/day) vs. to non-Mill HH (0.1 lb/day)

Satisfaction
97% CSAT
With no measurable uptick in support contacts fielded by city.

Thank you

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AGENDA ITEM 6: Amendment to SWAC Bylaws

PRESENTER: *Jeff Hegedus, Solid Waste Division Manager*

| <i>BOARD ACTION:</i> | <i><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | <i>Information</i> |
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SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a SWAC recommendation to include youth representation on the committee, a draft Amendment to SWAC Bylaws was presented for consideration. The amendment adds two Youth representative positions to SWAC, one for Whidbey Island and one for Camano Island. Term is for one 2 year membership, with no renewal terms.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

- Motion to approve final Draft Amendment to Bylaws

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft Amendment to Bylaws



ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

The Island County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as SWAC, is established by RCW 70A.205.110(3) and ICC 13.02A.030. SWAC shall be comprised of a county-wide group of representatives of citizens, public interest groups, business, the waste management industry, and local elected public officials or their appropriately appointed designees. SWAC shall provide coordination and information exchange between the groups and public input and advisory level recommendations and commentary to Island County staff and the Board of County Commissioners on solid waste management issues.

I. COMPOSITION

- A. **Members.** SWAC shall be composed of ~~fourteen~~twelve members consisting of one Ex-Officio County Commissioner, as appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); one representative from each of the cities of Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley; one Member-at-Large from North Whidbey Island, Whidbey Island, Central/South Whidbey Island and Camano Island; two representatives from each of Whidbey Island and Camano Island G-Permit holder service providers; one representative from the contracted Whidbey Island recycling services provider; one Youth representative from Whidbey Island and one Youth representative from Camano Island; and one representative representing agricultural interests.
- B. **Appointment.** At-Large and Agricultural members shall be appointed to SWAC by the BOCC.
- C. **Terms.** Terms of office for At-Large and Agricultural members shall be for two years, and shall be renewable for up to three terms. Terms of office for Youth representatives shall be for two years.
- D. **Officers.** The officers of the Committee shall include a chair and vice-chair who shall be elected by the voting membership of the Committee. Elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting after January 1st of each year. The term of office for chair and vice-chair shall be one year. Chair and vice-chair may serve more than one term, but not more than three years consecutively. The chair shall preside over all meetings. The vice-chair assumes the responsibilities of the chair in his/her absence or disability. In the event the chair and vice-chair are absent, the meeting shall either be presided over by an acting chair elected by the members present, or be postponed. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the vice-chair automatically succeeds to the chair. A vacancy occurring in the office of vice-chair for any reason, including succession, is filled by election of the voting Committee membership for a replacement to serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- E. **Vacancies.** Vacancies shall be filled as per county policy.

- F. **Attendance.** A member of SWAC who misses three (3) unexcused absences from meetings in any twelve (12) month period may be removed as per county policy.

II. STAFF

SWAC shall be staffed by the Island County Solid Waste Division, and the Island County Health Department, as necessary, to provide support to SWAC. The Solid Waste Division Manager, or their designee, shall serve in a professional capacity as its technical advisor and administrative officer.

III. MEETINGS

- A. **Schedule.** SWAC shall meet quarterly, and as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of the Committee. Meetings may be held at various locations within the County with written notification to the membership and chairperson designating the time and place of such meetings.
- B. **Minutes/Agendas.** Minutes of all meetings shall be kept by staff and distributed to the members prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Meeting minutes shall be approved by a majority vote of members present. Agendas shall be prepared by staff, with verbal approval of the Chair, and distributed to the members at least seven (7) days in advance of any regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. **Public Access.** All meetings shall be open to the public. Approved agenda packets and meeting minutes shall be posted on-line and shall be made available to the public as a matter of public record.
- D. **Quorum.** A majority of the currently seated voting members of the Committee, but no less than five, shall constitute a quorum and shall have authority to transact Committee business.
- E. **Order of Business**
1. Call to Order
 2. Roll call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes
 3. Public Comment Period
 4. Introduction and Disposition of Posted Agenda Items
 5. Open Session, Announcements, Future Agenda Items
 6. Adjournment
- F. **Rules of Order.** The meetings will be governed by The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (Sturgis) except as superseded by applicable law or these rules of procedure or otherwise determined by a majority of the voting membership of the Committee. The Committee shall be as clear and simple in its procedure as possible, and therefore, should avoid the finer points of parliamentary rules.
- G. **Voting.** An affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum is required for transaction of business. Votes on recommendations will only take place if background information has been given to SWAC at previous SWAC meetings, or if such information is included with the meeting agenda.

IV. SCOPE

SWAC shall advise and make recommendations on matters as provided for in Section 4 of the Ordinance.

V. AMENDMENTS

To the extent that such an amendment would not conflict with RCW 70A.205.110(3) and ICC 13.02A.030, these bylaws may be amended or repealed, and new bylaws may be adopted, by majority vote of the SWAC.

VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any portion of these Bylaws be declared unconstitutional or otherwise contrary to law, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these Bylaws.

These Bylaws are hereby amended and adopted in a duly noticed meeting held on January 27, 2025~~September 19, 2022~~ by an affirmative vote by a majority of Committee members.

Committee Chair

Date

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AGENDA ITEM 7: Curbside Recycling Update

PRESENTER: Andrew Riggs, Island Disposal

BOARD ACTION: Action Item ☒ Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An update and further discussion regarding bundling of curbside recyclable materials collection will be provided.

Chapter 11.3, *Recycling Recommendations* in the approved 2020 *Island County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan* states:

- 1) All urban areas of Island County should receive curbside recycling service. Curbside recycling services should be implemented in Langley and Freeland when recycling markets improve.
- 2) Consider expanding curbside recycling programs to additional rural areas at a later date when market conditions improve.

Island Disposal, Inc. has proposed to increase solid waste management levels of service through the addition of residential curbside collection of recyclable materials to current curbside collection programs. While curbside collection of solid waste would not be mandatory, residential customers choosing to have curbside collection of solid waste would also receive, as part of the bundled service, curbside collection of designated recyclable materials. Residential customers with curbside solid waste service would not need to self-haul recyclable materials to the transfer station or drop box facilities, and recycling rates would increase.

On April 15, 2024 the Island County Solid Waste Advisory Committee unanimously approved recommendation of the proposal, and staff concurs. On October 9, the proposal was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at Work Session.

Pending further discussion and approval to move forward, a Minimum Level of Service Ordinance, describing and requiring the level of service, would be provided to the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, by Island Disposal, as part of their application for amendment to tariff.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

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AGENDA ITEM 8: Solid Waste Legislative Update

PRESENTER: *Jeff Hegedus, Solid Waste Division Manager*

BOARD ACTION: **Action Item** **Discussion** ☒ **Information**

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An update will be provided on current solid waste related legislative proposals, bill status and upcoming events.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Bill Status and Upcoming Events Summary

Upcoming Events

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 3/31 @ 1:30pm

- [E2SSB 5284](#) - Exec Session - Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. (Concerns/High)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 4/1 @ 1:30pm

- [ESHB 1483](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner to increase access and affordability for Washingtonians. (Support/Low)
- [ESHB 1293](#) - Exec Session - Concerning litter. (Neutral/Low)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/3 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5033](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning sampling or testing of biosolids for PFAS chemicals. (Remote Testimony Available). (Neutral/Monitoring)

Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 4/3 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5215](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning debris escaping from vehicles on public highways. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Low)
- [ESSB 5484](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent persons. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 4/4 @ 1:30pm

- [2SHB 1154](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring environmental and public health protection from solid waste handling facility operations. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Medium)
- [2SHB 1497](#) - Public Hearing - Improving outcomes associated with waste material management systems. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/High)

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

Priority

Position

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| SHB 1071 (Inactive) (SB 5058) | Recycling rates Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system. Requires a statewide needs assessment, broken down by county, that identifies policies and investments needed to improve the recycling of materials currently recyclable within the state. Requires producer registration, post consumer recycled content percentages, and creates a truth in labeling task force. | H Approps | Fey | High | Concerns |
| 2SHB 1150 (Inactive) (E2SSB 5284) | Solid waste management Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. | H Rules R | Berry | High | Concerns |
| 2SHB 1154 | Solid waste handling Ensuring environmental and public health protection from solid waste handling facility operations. Allows Jurisdictional Health Department (JHD) and/or Ecology to suspend permits for solid waste handling facilities being operated in violation of any applicable solid waste management laws or regulations. | S Ways & Means | Duerr | Medium | Concerns |
| HB 1236 (Inactive) | Littering, penalty increase Increasing penalties for littering. | H Env & Energy | Klicker | | |
| ESHB 1293 | Litter Concerning litter. Sec. 1 - clarifies that the penalty is in addition to any costs to remove litter immediately. Sec. 2 - Ecology must convene a litter solutions task force to provide policy recommendations to reduce litter. Includes a member of WSAC. | S Environment, En | Klicker | Low | Neutral |
| SHB 1420 (Inactive) | Textile producers Establishing producer responsibility for textiles. This bill would establish an EPR program, starting in 2031, for clothing and textiles similar to the WRAP Act with an increased focus on repair and reuse. Some important details include: 1. Local jurisdictions have the option to participate and would have to request to do so in writing to a PRO. 2. PRO must create and implement statewide outreach and education program that includes: promote participation, signage (uncertain where); joint website; collection site signage and materials at no cost; strategy to encourage users to separate not covered products. PRO must meet the following collection convenience standards: must have a minimum of 10 permanent per county or 1 per 25,000 people (whichever is greater); county with pop. less than 18,000 must have 3 sites (permanent?); 18,001-50,000 - 4 sites; 50k-100k - 8 sites. PRO may also use mail-in programs. | H Approps | Reeves | Medium | Support |
| | Drug take-back program | H Rules R | Peterson | Low | Support |

[2SHB
1422](#)
(Inactive)

Modifying the drug take-back program.

Increases Dept of Health's enforcement authority to ensure approved programs are operating appropriately.

[2SHB
1462](#) (SB
5438)

Hydrofluorocarbons

S Ways & Means

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Low

Support

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.

[ESHB
1483](#) (SB
5423)

Digital electronics/repair

S Environment, En

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Low

Support

Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner.

Waste material management

S Ways & Means

Doglio

High

Concerns

Improving outcomes associated with waste material management systems.

This bill would establish new requirements for: Solid Waste Collection Bin Colors and Labels: By 2028, solid waste containers under 101 gallons must follow a color-coding system in jurisdictions planning under Chapter 70A.205 RCW (except counties bordering Canada with 200,000+ population): gray/black for general waste, blue for recyclables, and green/brown for organic materials, with no requirement to replace functional containers. By 2027, all containers must have clear labels on both container and lid specifying acceptable materials, with specific size requirements for containers 1+ cubic yard. OPPOSED Ecology's Center for Sustainable Food Management: Ecology must develop an education program by 2029 focused on residential organics separation and contamination reduction, including pilot strategies and a toolkit for cities and counties. UNCERTAIN Business Organic Material Management Service Requirements: Ecology will publish a list of businesses requiring organic material management services, with penalties ranging from \$500-\$1000 per day for non-compliance after two violation notices. OPPOSED Multifamily Organic Material Management: After July 2025, jurisdictions must include plans for phasing in organic material collection from multifamily residences, with requirements for new buildings to provide collection space and educational materials. UNCERTAIN Sustainable Farm Funding: Entities can establish optional donation programs on customer bills to fund state programs that incentivize carbon-sequestering agricultural practices. NEUTRAL School Food Waste: By 2027, OSPI must develop educational resources and grants for food waste reduction in schools, while WSDA must help connect schools with local producers to reduce food waste. NEUTRAL

[2SHB
1497](#)

Electric vehicle batteries

H Rules C

Street

Medium

Support

Improving the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries.

[SHB 1550](#)
(Inactive)
(SB 5586)

This bill would add electric vehicle batteries to the statewide battery stewardship program. It requires electric vehicle batteries to be taken only to certified facilities to handle them responsibly. First Substitute: Prohibits solid waste handling facilities from knowingly accepting propulsion batteries (Sec. 3).

[2SHB
1607](#)
(Inactive)
(2SSB
5502)

Recycling & waste reduction

H Rules C

Stonier

High

Concerns

Concerning recycling and waste reduction.

Companion to Robinson - bottle deposit/exchange.

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| <u>SHB 1653</u> (ESSB 5484) | Tow truck payments/indigent Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent persons. | H Rules R | Donaghy | | |
| <u>HB 1901</u> (Inactive) | Mattress producer resp. Concerning mattress producer responsibility organizations. | H Env & Energy | Hunt | Low | Support |
| <u>HB 2018</u> (Inactive) | Solid waste/local government Concerning solid waste and establishing the local government solid waste assistance account. Adds 2.5% to the Solid Waste Collection Tax, bringing it from 3.6% to 6.1%. The increase is implemented over 5 years at a rate of 0.5% per year. The additional revenue is directed to the Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Account. Funds from this account are allocated directly to local governments, which are primarily responsible for planning and implementing comprehensive solid waste management plan requirements. Funds will be distributed as follows: 1. 50% as base allocation distributed equally among counties. 2. 50% as per capita distribution to counties and cities. Currently requires SWMP timeline requirements, but we need to expand that the make sure counties that are actively working on outdated plans are not ineligible. | H Finance | Doglio | High | Support |
| <u>SSB 5033</u> | Biosolids/PFAS chemicals Concerning sampling or testing of biosolids for PFAS chemicals. 1. Requires Ecology to develop PFAS chemical sampling or testing requirements for biosolid by July 1, 2027 and an analysis of PFAS chemical in biosolids by July 1, 2028. 2. Requires a report by July 1, 2028 to the legislature and public with recommendations 3. Requires the development of an advisory committee to provide input on recommended requirements. Does not currently include roles for waste disposal companies or local government. 4. Does not include septage in definition of biosolids. | H Approps | Wilson | Monitoring | Neutral |
| <u>SB 5045</u> (Inactive) | Battery stewardship/EVs Expanding the state battery stewardship program to include electric vehicle batteries. Same as 1550. | S Environment, E | Wilson | Medium | Support |
| <u>SB 5058</u> (Inactive) (SHB 1071) | Recycling rates Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system. Companion to Fey bill - statewide recyclables list and needs assessment. No EPR. | S Environment, E | Chapman | High | Concerns |
| <u>SSB 5215</u> | Vehicle debris escape Concerning debris escaping from vehicles on public highways. Increases covered load requirements. This has created some concerns for county Public Works Departments. Requires enforcement by state or local law enforcement. | H Transportation | Shewmake | Low | Concerns |

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| <u>E2SSB 5284</u> (2SHB 1150) | Solid waste management Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. Same as 1150 | H Env & Energy | Lovelett | High | Concerns |
| <u>SB 5423</u> (Inactive) (ESHB 1483) | Digital electronics/repair Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | S Rules X | Stanford | Low | Support |
| <u>ESSB 5484</u> (SHB 1653) | Tow truck payments/indigent Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent persons. | H Transportation | Chapman | | |
| <u>2SSB 5502</u> (Inactive) (2SHB 1607) | Recycling & waste reduction Concerning recycling and waste reduction. | S Rules X | Robinson | High | Concerns |

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Discussion Form

April 21, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 9: WSU Waste Wise Program

PRESENTER: Sarah Bergquist, WSU Extension

BOARD ACTION: Action Item ☒ Discussion Information

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An update will be provided on the WSU Waste Wise program
<https://extension.wsu.edu/island/nrs/waste-wise/> .

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

ATTACHMENT(S)