

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB ENRC 07-02 Solid Waste
SPONSOR(S): Environment & Natural Resources Council
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill makes a number of technical amendments to correct cross-references, delete certain obsolete provisions and dates from the solid waste management statutes, and addresses other issues which have arisen since the last major rewrite of the Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA). For instance, the bill:

- Deletes obsolete definitions, and alphabetizes and consolidates remaining definitions
- Deletes obsolete language relating to Class II landfills and compost standards
- Clarifies the circumstances under which industrial byproducts are not regulated under the SWMA
- Deletes provisions relating to biomedical incinerators
- Provides for the management of storm-generated debris.

The bill also proposes numerous amendments relating to the regulation of hazardous waste, for instance:

- Extends the duration of certain solid and hazardous waste research, development, and demonstration permits
- Deletes a requirement for a separate report on hazardous waste management
- Authorizes the DEP to issue authorizations which include both permits and clean closure orders for hazardous waste facilities
- Clarifies the provisions relating to the posting of signs on certain properties contaminated by hazardous wastes
- Allows the DEP to issue orders requiring the prompt abatement of an imminent hazard caused by a hazardous substance
- Reduces the local match requirement for local governments in order to receive certain hazardous waste collection grants, and provides exceptions from the match requirement.

Fiscal: Consolidation of certain requirements may result in a positive, yet insignificant impact on the budget of the Department of Environmental Protection.

See Part I.B., EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES, for a complete list of changes proposed by the bill.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Limited Government: The Department of Environmental Protection will no longer be required to submit separate reports regarding hazardous waste management and used oil. This information will be consolidated in the department's Solid Waste Management in Florida report, thereby potentially saving personnel time and publication costs.

In order to be eligible to receive a hazardous waste collection grant, local governments currently must match the entire grant amount. This bill reduces the match requirement to 25 percent of the grant amount, and allows the match to be waived under certain circumstances. This may permit more local governments to take advantage of this grant program.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

The Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA) was enacted in 1988 to provide comprehensive programs to promote recycling and reduce the volume of materials going to landfills. The SWMA mandated waste minimization, conservation of landfill space, litter control, and recycling and required the involvement and cooperation of Florida's residents, businesses, and visitors. Several state agencies were given responsibilities under SWMA, with the Department of Environmental Regulation having the lead responsibility for developing the state program, adopting all regulations and standards, permitting facilities, and managing biohazardous waste.

A major provision of the SWMA required all counties to initiate recycling programs to separate and offer for recycling a majority of aluminum cans, glass, newspaper, and plastic bottles. As part of their recycling programs, local governments were encouraged to separate all plastics, metals, and all grades of paper for recycling prior to final disposal and were also encouraged to recycle yard trash and other mechanically treated solid waste into compost available for agricultural and other acceptable uses.

Counties were required to achieve a waste reduction goal of 30 percent by 1994. No more than one-half of the goal could be met with yard trash, white goods (primarily discarded appliances), construction and demolition (C&D) debris, and tires. The goal could be modified or reduced for any county that demonstrated it would have an adverse impact on the financial obligations of the county regarding waste to energy facilities (WTE).

To assist the counties in their recycling efforts, the SWMA established certain grant programs. The types of grants available included small county grants, recycling and education grants, waste tire grants, and litter and marine debris prevention grants.

The SWMA also provided for a waste newsprint fee, a waste tire fee, and the implementation of an advance disposal fee if certain recycling conditions were not met.

The Solid Waste Management Trust Fund (SWMTF) was created to fund solid waste management activities.

In 1993, the SWMA was significantly rewritten to update and refine the act. Major features of this rewrite included:

- Creating the Recycling Markets Advisory Committee in the Department of Commerce.¹
- Providing significant new provisions relating to the advance disposal fee and statewide litter program. Initially, the advanced disposal fee was 1 cent per container with an increase to 2 cents on January 1, 1995. The estimated proceeds of the fee (\$22 million) were deposited into the SWMTF to be used to supplement recycling grants, Surface Water Improvement and Management or SWIM program, Sewage Treatment Revolving Loan, and Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance. The advance disposal fee and the waste newsprint fee provisions expired on October 1, 1995, as provided in ch. 88-130, Laws of Florida.
- Providing new requirements for permitting WTE facilities and commercial hazardous waste incinerators in the state. No commercial hazardous waste incinerator may be permitted or certified in the state without a certificate of need, issued by the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Statewide Multipurpose Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board.
- Establishing the Florida Packaging Council and creating a comprehensive litter and marine debris control and prevention program.
- Providing assistance to smaller counties to aid in meeting their waste reduction and recycling responsibilities.
- Providing for the ownership of solid waste and flow control.
- Providing for the disposal of certain batteries.
- Allowing the SWMTF to be used to fund projects relating to market development for recycled materials.
- Allowing counties of less than 50,000 to be eligible for annual solid waste grants of \$50,000.

Another significant revision to the SWMA occurred in 1996 when the provisions relating to construction and demolition (C&D) debris were substantially revised. These provisions included requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a separate category for solid waste management facilities which accept only C&D debris for disposal or recycling; and providing that the DEP may not require liners and leachate collection systems at individual facilities unless it demonstrates that the facility is reasonably expected to result in violations of ground water standards. A permit is not required for disposal of C&D debris on the property where it is generated, but such property must be covered, graded, and vegetated as necessary when disposal is complete.

For several years, approximately \$30 million was appropriated annually from the SWMTF and used for water quality and restoration projects. As a result, the Legislature in 2002 provided for the permanent reallocation of the sales tax proceeds that were being deposited into the SWMTF. These funds (approximately \$30 M annually) are now deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to be used for water quality improvement and water restoration projects. The SWMTF is now funded almost exclusively from the waste disposal fees imposed on tires purchased at retail. This fee generates approximately \$19 million annually and supports not only the grants program, but also the general solid waste activities of the Division of Waste Management.

Also, the counties are no longer required to annually submit to the DEP certain solid waste and recycling information. Instead, the DEP may periodically seek the information from the counties to evaluate and report on the success of meeting the solid waste reduction goal.

Counties must still implement a recyclable materials recycling program; however, the counties are no longer required to recover a majority of the minimum five. Instead, they are encouraged to recover a significant portion of at least four of the following materials: newspaper, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass, plastic bottles, cardboard, office paper, and yard trash.

¹ The Department of Commerce was abolished in 1996 pursuant to ch. 96-320, L.O.F.

The 2002 revisions to the SWMA also:

- Deleted specific language regarding the amount of C&D debris, yard trash, white goods, and tires that may be considered when determining the 30 percent waste reduction goal.
- Redefined “small county” from 75,000 to 100,000 for purposes of providing an opportunity to recycle in lieu of achieving the 30-percent goal.
- Required C&D debris to be separated from the solid waste stream in separate locations at a solid waste disposal facility or other permitted site.
- Refocused the purposes of the SWMTF toward the core solid waste management responsibilities of the DEP and created a new competitive and innovative solid waste management grant program. It also maintained funding for the mosquito control activities in Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS).
- Redistributed the funds in the SWMTF
 - Up to 40 percent for funding solid waste activities of the DEP and other state agencies.
 - Up to 4.5 percent for funding research and training programs relating to solid waste management through the Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management.
 - Up to 11 percent to DACS for mosquito control.
 - A minimum of 40 percent for funding a competitive and innovative grant program relating to recycling and reducing the volume of municipal solid waste, including waste tires requiring final disposal.
- Provided for the distribution of the available solid waste management grants funds:
 - Up to 15 percent for the competitive and innovative grant program.
 - Up to 35 percent for the consolidated grant program for small counties.
 - Up to 50 percent for the waste tire program.
- Directed DEP to use the \$30 million annually transferred from the sales tax proceeds to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration TF for projects to improve water quality and restore lakes and rivers impacted by pollution. At least 20 percent of the funds available are to be used for projects that assist financially disadvantaged small local governments.

The most recent revisions to the SWMA were made in 2005 and included the following:

- Prior to the construction of a new WTE facility or the expansion of an existing WTE, the county must implement and maintain a solid waste management and recycling program designed to meet the 30 percent waste reduction goal. If a WTE is built in a county with a population of less than 100,000 that county would have to have a program designed to achieve the 30 percent waste reduction goal, and not just provide the opportunity to recycle.
- Local government applicants for a permit to construct or expand a Class I landfill are encouraged to consider the construction of a WTE facility as an alternative to additional landfill space.
- Clarified that local governmental entities are required to pay the waste tire fee and the lead-acid battery fee.
- Increased the penalty for a litter violation from \$50 to \$100. The \$50 increase is to be deposited into the SWMTF to be used for the solid waste management grant program.
- Provided for a pilot project to encourage the reuse or recycling of campaign signs. The recovered campaign signs are to be made available to schools and other entities that may have a use for them, at no cost.

The last time the Solid Waste Management Act was substantially rewritten was in 1993. Although there have been several amendments to the statutory provisions since that time, these amendments have been piecemeal and the issues have not been addressed in a comprehensive manner. In the past few years, issues have arisen regarding recycling and disposal of vegetative and construction and

demolition debris. This problem has been exacerbated by the fact that Florida was hit with four major hurricanes in 2004 and by Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, and Wilma in 2005.

The solid waste provisions in the statutes contain several provisions that need to be updated to delete obsolete provisions and dates that have expired. Some provisions have never been used and certain provisions are no longer needed.

The Senate Environmental Preservation Committee was assigned an interim project to review the Solid Waste Management Act and make recommendations to the Legislature to update the act and make recommendations to address issues that have recently arisen.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill would implement the recommendations of the Senate Environmental Preservation Committee's interim report no. 2006-121, Review of the Solid Waste Management Act. The bill makes a number of technical amendments to correct cross-references, delete certain obsolete provisions and dates from the solid waste management statutes, and address other issues which have arisen since the last major rewrite of the Solid Waste Management Act. Specifically, the bill:

- Amends s. 320.08058, F.S., to provide that the annual use fees from the sale of the Wildflower license plates will be distributed to the Wildflower Foundation, Inc.(foundation), a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The fees must be used to establish native Florida wildflower research programs, wildflower educational programs, and wildflower grant programs to municipal, county, and community-based groups in the state. The foundation must develop procedures of operation, research contracts, education and marketing programs and grants. A maximum of 15 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the license plates can be used for administrative costs and marketing.
- Amends s. 403.413, F.S., to clarify who is liable for dumping under the litter law.
- Amends s. 403.4131, F.S., to delete statutory provisions relating to Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. and the Wildflower Advisory Council that was created within Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., and deletes obsolete language relating to recycling and education grants which were incorporated into the small county consolidated grants in s. 403.7095, F.S.
- Alphabetizes the definitions used in the Solid Waste Management Act. Deletes obsolete definitions and consolidates definitions that are found elsewhere in the act.
- Deletes certain obsolete language and dates relating to the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) powers and duties, including:
 - Holding public hearings to develop rules to implement the state's solid waste management program. This is obsolete because rulemaking provisions of s. 120.54, F.S., include workshops and hearings.
 - Charging certain fees for certain solid waste management services. The DEP does not provide solid waste management services.
 - Acquiring personal or real property for the purpose of providing sites for solid waste management facilities. The DEP does not provide sites for solid waste management facilities.
 - Receiving funds from the sale of certain products, materials, fuel, or energy from any state-owned or operated solid waste facility. The DEP does not operate solid waste management facilities.
 - Deleting certain requirements for Class II landfills. There are no longer Class II landfills being permitted in Florida.
 - Conducting solid waste research to be used in the implementation of certain landfill closure rules. Landfill closure methods have been developed and the rules have been in place for nearly 20 years.
 - Authorizing variances from the solid waste closure rules. Variances are already allowed under s. 403.201, F.S., and s. 120.54, F.S., for any solid waste rule, not just closure rules.
- Deletes obsolete language relating to compost standards.

- Clarifies the circumstances under which industrial byproducts are not regulated under the Solid Waste Management Act. Industrial byproducts are not regulated under the Solid Waste Management Act if disposal of those byproducts do not constitute a threat of environmental contamination or pose a significant threat to public health. Also, certain dredged material that is generated as part of a project permitted under part IV of ch. 373, F.S., or ch. 161, F.S., or that is authorized to be removed from sovereign submerged lands under ch. 253, F.S., shall be managed in accordance with the conditions of that permit or authorization unless the dredged material is regulated as a hazardous waste.
- Deletes provisions relating to biomedical incinerators because biomedical incinerators are regulated under DEP's air rules.
- Allows the DEP to exempt, by rule, certain facilities from the requirement of a permit if the construction or operation of the facility will not create a significant threat to the environment or public health. For instance, the registration of yard trash processing facilities. For purposes of Part IV of ch. 403, F.S., (Resource Recovery and Management), and only when specified by DEP rule, permits may include other forms of licenses as defined in s. 120.52, F.S. This is intended to address an issue the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee has raised regarding DEP's authority to provide such exemptions, even if they are technically justified. Counties may exempt certain wood material from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" under certain conditions to promote an integrated solid waste management program.
- Provides for the management of storm-generated debris.
 - The DEP may issue field authorizations for staging areas in those counties affected by a storm event. These staging areas may be used for the temporary storage and management of storm-generated debris, including the chipping, grinding, or burning of vegetative debris. A local government shall avoid locating a staging area in wetlands and other surface waters to the greatest extent possible, and the area that is used or affected by a staging area must be fully restored upon cessation of use of the area.
 - Storm-generated vegetative debris managed at a staging area may be disposed of in a permitted lined or unlined landfill, a permitted land clearing debris facility, or a permitted C&D debris disposal facility. Vegetative debris may also be managed at a permitted waste processing facility or a registered yard trash processing facility.
 - C&D debris that is mixed with other storm-generated debris need not be segregated from other solid waste prior to disposal in a lined landfill. C&D debris that is source-separated or separated from other hurricane-generated debris at an authorized staging area, may be managed at a permitted C&D debris disposal or recycling facility upon approval by the DEP of the methods and operations practices used to inspect the waste during segregation.
 - Unsalvageable refrigerators and freezers containing solid waste, such as rotting food, which may create a sanitary nuisance may be disposed of in a permitted lined landfill; however, chlorofluorocarbons and capacitors must be removed and recycled to the greatest extent practicable.
 - Local governments may conduct the burning of storm-generated yard trash and other vegetative debris in air-curtain incinerators without prior notice to the DEP. Demolition debris may also be burned in air-curtain incinerators if the material is limited to untreated wood. Within 10 days after commencing such burning, the local government must provide certain information to the DEP. The operator of the air-curtain incinerator is subject to any requirement to obtain an open burning authorization from the Division of Forestry of the DACS or any other agency empowered to grant such authorization.
- Amends s. 403.7095, F.S., to broaden the innovative grants provisions:
 - "Innovative" means that the process, technology, or activity for which funding is sought has not previously been implemented within the jurisdiction of the applicant.
 - Grants must demonstrate technologies or processes that represent a novel application of an existing technology or process to recycle or reduce waste.
- Limits the use of an escrow account for the closure of a landfill to those landfills owned or operated by a local or state government or the Federal Government. Privately owned or operated landfills must provide other means of financial responsibility for the closure of landfills. However, any landfill owner or operator that had established an escrow account in accordance

with the escrow provisions of this section and the conditions of its permit prior to January 1, 2007, may continue to use that escrow account to provide financial assurance for closure of that landfill, even if that landfill is not owned or operated by a local or state government or the Federal Government. An owner or operator of a landfill owned or operated by a local or state government or by the Federal Government may provide other means of financial assurance to the DEP in lieu of the escrow account.

- Deletes the provisions relating to the training of operators for waste-to-energy facilities, biomedical waste incinerators, and mobile soil thermal treatment units or facilities. The operators of these facilities are subject to the DEP's rules relating to training requirements under air permits. There has never been a separate solid waste training program for these operators.
- Revises the definition of "waste tire" and "waste tire processing facility."
- Exempts certain tire businesses from having to obtain a tire storage permit. The term "waste tire" will not include solid rubber tires and tires that are inseparable from the rim. These constitute a small percentage of the discarded tires and these tires are not amenable to recycling. Further, they pose little threat of fire, floating in standing water, or mosquito breeding. The term "waste tire processing facility" is amended to provide consistency with the term "processed tire." The provisions requiring a tire storage permit for a tire retreading business where fewer than 1,500 waste tires are kept on the premises is deleted. Currently, no permit is needed for storage of less than 1,500 tires anywhere.
- Extends the duration of certain solid and hazardous waste research, development, and demonstration permits. The DEP is allowed to issue a research, development, and demonstration permit to the owner or operator of any solid waste management facility, including any hazardous waste management facility who proposes to utilize an innovative and experimental solid waste treatment technology or process for which permit standards have not been adopted. The time periods for such permits is extended from 1 year to 3 years, renewable no more than 3 times. This would remove a conflict with a similar Environmental Protection Agency rule regarding their research, development, and demonstration permits.
- Clarifies who must obtain a permit to construct, modify, operate, or close a hazardous waste disposal, storage, or treatment facility. This section is also amended to provide for authorizations issued by the DEP to include both permits and clean closure orders. The bill further clarifies that if an owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility intends to or is required to discontinue operation, the temporary operation permit must include final closure conditions.
- Deletes a requirement for a separate report on hazardous waste management. This information is included in the DEP's Solid Waste Management in Florida report.
- Authorizes the DEP to issue authorizations which include both permits and clean closure orders for hazardous waste facilities. Further, the amount of financial responsibility that is required for hazardous waste facilities includes the probable costs of properly closing the facility and performing corrective action.
- Clarifies that signs must be placed by the owner or operator at any site in the state which is listed or proposed for listing on the Superfund Site List or any site identified by the DEP as a site contaminated by hazardous waste where this is a risk of exposure to the public. The DEP shall establish requirements and procedures for the placement of signs, and may do so in rules, permits, orders, or other authorizations.
- Allows the DEP to issue orders requiring the prompt abatement of an imminent hazard caused by a hazardous substance. Currently, the DEP may only issue a permit to abate such hazards.
- Requires that local governments match 25 percent of the grant amount for certain hazardous waste collection grants; however, if the DEP finds that the project has statewide applicability and has immediate benefits to other local hazardous waste collection programs in the state, matching funds are not required. Currently, eligible local governments may receive up to \$50,000 in grant funds for unique and innovative projects that improve the collection of hazardous waste and lower the incidence of improper management of conditionally exempt or household waste, provided they match the grant amount.
- Repeals a provision relating to the submission of certain solid waste facility construction and operation plans.
- Repeals the requirement for a separate used oil report.
- Repeals the provisions relating to the Multipurpose Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Section 320.08058, F.S., is amended to provide that the annual use fees from the sale of the Wildflower license plates shall now be distributed to the DACS.

Section 2. Section 403.413, F.S., is amended to clarify who is liable for dumping under the litter law.

Section 3. Section 403.4131, F.S., is amended to delete the statutory provisions relating to Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.

Section 4. Section 403.41315, F.S., is amended to conform to the changes in s. 403.4135, F.S., relating to Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.

Section 5. Section 403.4133, F.S., is amended to place the Adopt-a-Shore Program that was created within Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., in the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 6. Section 403.703, F.S., is amended to place the definitions used in the Solid Waste Management Act in alphabetical order. In addition, the following definitions are also amended: "clean debris", "closure", and "yard trash." The following definitions are deleted: "biomedical waste generator" and "palletized paper waste"; and the definition of "landfill" is moved from s. 403.7125, F.S.

Section 7. Section 403.704, F.S., is amended to delete certain obsolete language and dates relating to the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) powers and duties.

Section 8. Section 403.7043, F.S., is amended to delete obsolete language relating to compost standards rulemaking.

Section 9. Section 403.7045, F.S., is amended to clarify that industrial byproducts are not regulated under the Solid Waste Management Act if disposal of those byproducts do not constitute a threat of environmental contamination or pose a significant threat to public health.

Section 10. Amends s. 403.705, F.S., to correct a cross reference.

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 403.7061, F.S., is amended to allow, rather than require, the DEP to initiate certain rulemaking regarding waste-to-energy facilities.

Section 12. Section 403.707, F.S., is amended to allow the DEP to exempt, by rule, certain facilities from the requirement for a permit if the construction or operation of the facility is not expected to create any significant threat to the environment or public health.

Section 13. Section 403.7071, F.S., is created to provide for the management of storm-generated debris resulting from a storm event that is the subject of an emergency order by the DEP.

Section 14. Section 403.708, F.S., is amended to delete some obsolete dates and to delete the term "degradable" because the term is not used in this section.

Section 15. Amends s. 403.709, F.S., to clarify that the funding for litter prevention and control will be used at the local level by certified Keep America Beautiful affiliates. Time restrictions are placed on real property liens imposed by the DEP for compliance costs associated with the use of the property as an illegal waste tire site.

Section 16. Amends s. 403.7095, F.S., to broaden the innovative grants provisions:

- "Innovative" means that the process, technology, or activity for which funding is sought has not previously been implemented within the jurisdiction of the applicant.
- Grants must demonstrate technologies or processes that represent a novel application of an

existing technology or process to recycle or reduce waste.

Section 17. Section 403.7125, F.S., is amended to delete the definitions of “landfill” and “closure” from this section. These definitions appear in s. 403.704, F.S. This section provides a grandfather provision for certain facilities. Limits the use of an escrow account for the closure of a landfill.

Section 18. Section 403.716, F.S., is amended to delete provisions relating to the training of operators for waste-to-energy facilities, biomedical waste incinerators, and mobile soil thermal treatment units or facilities.

Section 19. Section 403.717, F.S., is amended to revise the definitions of “waste tire” and “waste tire processing facility.”

Section 20. Section 403.7221, F.S., is amended, transferred, and renumbered as s. 403.70715, F.S.

Section 21. Section 403.722, F.S., is amended to clarify who must obtain a permit to construct, modify, operate, or close a hazardous waste disposal, storage, or treatment facility.

Section 22. Section 403.7226, F.S., is amended to delete a separate report on hazardous waste management.

Section 23. Section 403.724, F.S., is amended to provide that authorizations for hazardous waste facilities include both permits and clean closure plan orders.

Section 24. Section 403.7255, F.S., is amended to clarify the provisions relating to the posting of signs on certain properties contaminated by hazardous wastes.

Section 25. Section 403.726, F.S., is amended to allow the DEP to issue an order requiring the prompt abatement of an imminent hazard caused by a hazardous substance.

Section 26. Section 403.7265, F.S., is amended to set the local match requirement to 25 percent of the grant amount.

Section 27. Amends subsection (2) of section 171.205, F.S., correcting a statutory cross-reference.

Section 28. Amends subsection (69) of section 316.003, F.S., correcting a statutory cross-reference.

Section 29. Amends paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 377.709, F.S., correcting a statutory cross-reference.

Section 30. Amends subsection (1) of section 487.048, F.S., correcting a statutory cross-reference.

Section 31. Sections 403.7075, 403.756, 403.7895, 403.78, 403.781, 403.782, 403.783, 403.784, 403.7841, 403.7842, 403.785, 403.786, 403.787, 403.7871, 403.7872, 403.7873, 403.788, 403.7881, 403.789, 403.7891, 403.7892, 403.7893, F.S., are repealed.

Section 32. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

Requires that local governments match 25 percent of the grant amount for certain hazardous waste collection grants; however, if the DEP finds that the project has statewide applicability and has immediate benefits to other local hazardous waste collection programs in the state, matching funds are not required.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

There is not anticipated to be an economic impact on the general public. Many of the bill's provisions remove outdated or obsolete provisions and clarify several provisions as they relate to local governments and the Department of Environmental Protection.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The bill deletes provisions relating to Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., which is a nonfunctioning entity. The annual use fee proceeds from the sale of the Wildflower license plate will go to the Wildflower Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to continue the wildflower planting program and market Florida wildflowers. In the event the Wildflower Foundation, Inc., ceases to be an active 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the annual use fee proceeds from the sale of the Wildflower license plate will go to the DACS for administration of the wildflower planning program..

The Department of Environmental Protection will no longer be required to submit separate reports regarding hazardous waste management and used oil. This information will be consolidated in the department's Solid Waste Management in Florida report, thereby potentially saving personnel time and publication costs.

In order to be eligible to receive a hazardous waste collection grant, local governments currently must match the entire grant amount. This bill reduces the match requirement to 25 percent of the grant amount, and allows the match to be waived under certain circumstances. This may permit more local governments to take advantage of this grant program.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to: require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

N/A

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

N/A