

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1540 – SB 2543

February 22, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991, to grant a rebate against the amount due to the state under the state surcharge on the tipping fee for the five most populous counties according to the annual estimated census released in April by the United States Census Bureau, instead of the 11 highest waste generating counties.

Prohibits the state from rebating more than 100 percent, instead of 150 percent, of the funds allocated for recycling equipment grants. Requires such rebates to be allocated proportionately by population of each of the five counties. Requires that municipalities within the five most populous counties be offered a proportionate share of their county's rebate based on population.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

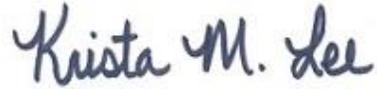
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the amount of annual funding that would be provided from the Solid Waste Management Fund in the form of rebates to the 11 highest waste generating counties under current law is estimated to be \$500,000.
- The amount of funding that would be provided in the form of grants to any counties receiving such grants to offset the cost of purchasing the equipment needed to establish or upgrade recycling at a public or not-for-profit recycling collection site is estimated to be \$500,000, for a total annual amount of rebates and grants estimated to be \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 + \$500,000).
- The proposed legislation will not impact the total amount of funding allocated from the Solid Waste Management Fund to counties.
- According to TDEC, the top five most populous counties would receive approximately \$384,288 in rebates each year under current law. Pursuant to this legislation, these same counties will receive \$500,000 in rebates each year; thus, a recurring increase of \$115,712 (\$500,000 - \$384,288) for the five counties.
- As a result, the total amount of funding that will be provided to all other counties will decrease by a like amount, or \$115,712 per year.

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- Any net impact on state and local government revenue and expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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