

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 448

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Ware

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Distribution of litter control and recycling funds

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would change the formula for allocating litter control and recycling funds. It would increase the percentage of funds awarded to localities from the current 75 percent to 90 percent. The current percentage of funds allocated to statewide and regional litter prevention and recycling educational programs would be reduced from 20 percent to five percent and would be allocated to localities and nonprofit entities for litter prevention and recycling grants. The remaining five percent would be allocated for actual administrative expenses. The bill also provides that, in addition to a penalty equal to the amount of delinquent litter taxes due, the Department of Taxation shall add to the assessment the amount it has expended in collecting such delinquent litter taxes.

6. Fiscal impact: While the bill would affect the allocation of litter control and recycling funds, it would not affect the total amount of funding available. The bill would result in no net fiscal impact to the Department of Taxation.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Taxation; all localities.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The bill would give the Department of Taxation the authority to recover the amounts that it has expended in collecting delinquent litter taxes. The Department of Taxation collects and accounts for 30 separate taxes. In collecting these taxes, the same staff, computer systems and processes are used and costs of collection are not allocated between the separate taxes. With respect to delinquent litter taxes under the provisions of the bill, the Department of Taxation would not separately identify and assess the amount of its costs to collect such delinquent taxes. However, in cases in which the agency uses third-party collectors to collect delinquent litter taxes, it would identify and assess such costs.

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