

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB344

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Plum

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Computer and Television Recovery and Recycling Act; adoption and implementation of recovery plans**

5. Summary: The bill requires the manufacturer of computer equipment and televisions to adopt and implement a recovery plan providing for the reasonably convenient collection, recycling, and reuse of computer equipment and televisions returned by a consumer in the Commonwealth. The manufacturer must also affix a permanent, readily visible label to the computer equipment or television with the manufacturer's brand before a manufacturer may offer computer equipment or televisions for sale in the Commonwealth. Examples of collection methods meeting the recovery plan requirements include (i) a system by which the consumer may return the computer equipment or televisions free of charge; (ii) a system using a physical collection site; or (iii) a system using collection events at which the consumer may return computer equipment or televisions. Each manufacturer must annually report on the weight of computer equipment and televisions collected, recycled, and reused during the preceding calendar year. The Department of Environmental Quality shall issue a warning notice to a person on the person's first violation of this article. The penalty assessed against a manufacturer for a violation of this Act may not exceed \$10,000 for the second violation or \$25,000 for each subsequent violation.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$180,432	2.0	general
2011	\$180,432	2.0	general
2012	\$180,432	2.0	general
2013	\$180,432	2.0	general
2014	\$180,432	2.0	general

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 365 of House Bill 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires that the Department of Environmental Quality receive and evaluate the recovery plans of each television manufacturer. The department must also have the capability to perform audits and inspections to determine compliance. Accordingly, the Department of Environmental Quality estimates that two positions are needed, one environmental manager and one environmental specialist II (both pay band 5

positions) to meet these responsibilities. Staffing costs are estimated at \$150,432. Travel, supplies, and support costs are estimated at \$30,000 annually.

Although the bill includes enforcement provisions, the civil penalty revenue may not be projected at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources