

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB344

House of Origin ☐ 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 substitute bill requires the manufacturer of computer equipment to adopt and implement a recovery plan providing for the reasonably convenient collection, recycling, and reuse of computer equipment returned by a consumer in the Commonwealth. The manufacturer must also affix a permanent, readily visible label to the computer equipment with the manufacturer's brand before a manufacturer may offer computer equipment 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 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. Each manufacturer must annually report and publish on its website the weight of computer equipment collected, recycled, and reused during the preceding calendar year. The bill allows for enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General. The bill is effective on July 1, 2009.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Environmental Quality does not require additional resources to meet the responsibilities of the bill.

The bill provides for enforcement of the provisions by the Office of the Attorney General, however the scope of enforcement efforts that will be needed cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Attorney General.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The second enactment clause states that the bill is effective on July 1, 2009.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources