

HCS HB 886 -- SOLID WASTE

SPONSOR: Hobbs (Schlottach)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute specifies that a person commits the crime of disposition of demolition waste if he or she purposely or knowingly disposes of or causes the disposal of demolition waste on any property in the state that is not a solid waste processing facility or a solid waste disposal area that has obtained an operating permit from the Department of Natural Resources.

Any person that knows or should have known that his or her agent or employee has committed criminal disposition of demolition waste will be guilty of conspiracy to commit disposition of demolition waste. The penalty for the crime of disposition of demolition waste is increased from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony, except that any person who disposes of construction or demolition waste on his or her own property will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. The crime of criminal disposition of demolition waste in the second degree is abolished. The civil penalties for violations of the solid waste management provisions are increased.

The substitute includes plasma arc technology as a way to process waste. Any facility designated as a waste to energy facility that generates electricity fueled from solid waste can use this technology.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$0 in FY 2008, \$20,678 in FY 2009, and \$20,678 in FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill increases the penalty for violations of illegal dumping and will make it easier to prosecute individuals who violate the solid waste provisions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schlottach; Department of Natural Resources; Robert Hendrix, Missouri Chapter of the National Solid Waste Management Association; Sonny's Solid Waste Services, Incorporated; Tom Rackers, Waste Corporation; Charles Barcom, Meridian Waste Service; Michael Barcom, America Eagle; Derrick Standley, Genesis Group; Rock Graham, Allied Waste Service; Fred Weber, Incorporated; and City of Columbia.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.