

HB 1049 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **1049**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study landfill siting criteria and methods for reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

SPONSORS: Rep. Aron, Sull. 7; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 17; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 22; Rep. Merner, Coos 7; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the siting criteria for new landfills and to study solid waste policies as models for methods to reduce pressure on landfill capacity.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT establishing a committee to study landfill siting criteria and methods for reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the siting criteria for new
2 landfills and to study solid waste policies in Northeastern states as models for methods to reduce
3 pressure on landfill capacity.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

5 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
10 the duties of the committee.

11 3 Duties. The committee shall study:

12 I. The siting criteria for new landfills with a focus on community impact, environmental
13 impact, and public good.

14 II. Solid waste policies in Northeastern states that could be adapted to New Hampshire with
15 the goal of reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

16 III. Surety bonding of landfills to ensure the capacity to pay for potential damages, including
17 clarification of how damages would be determined and who would be entitled to seek compensation
18 for damages.

19 IV. Changing the definition of the required setback of landfills from water bodies by
20 establishing standards that use the hydrogeological characteristic of the site and the time it would
21 take potential contaminants to flow to water bodies.

22 V. Extended producer responsibility (EPR) as a mechanism for meeting the waste reduction
23 goals established in RSA 149-M and reducing the tax burden that solid waste disposal places on
24 municipalities. Specific attention shall be paid to laws in Oregon, Maine, and Canadian provinces
25 that establish producer responsibility for packaging and single use plastics. In addition, the
26 committee shall examine laws and legislation in any other state or country that establish EPR for
27 electronic waste, batteries, automotive waste, and hazardous waste. The study shall assess how
28 these laws could be adapted to the existing solid waste recovery infrastructure in New Hampshire
29 and what support the department of environmental services would require to implement such laws.

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1 VI. The roll of landfills and incinerators in preventing disposable wipes from entering and
2 damaging sewer and septic infrastructure.

3 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
4 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
5 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
6 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

7 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
8 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
9 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

10 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.