

Amendment to HB 1049

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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3 3 Duties. The committee shall study:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.