

SB 593 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **593**

AN ACT enabling the use of solid waste management funds by solid waste management districts.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the use of funds from the solid waste management fund for solid waste management districts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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-Six

AN ACT enabling the use of solid waste management funds by solid waste management districts.

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

1 1 Purpose and Use of the Solid Waste Management Fund. Amend RSA 149-R:4, II to read as
2 follows:

3 II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities
4 **or New Hampshire solid waste management districts established under RSA 53-B** for source
5 reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality **or applicable solid**
6 **waste management district** associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under
7 RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of solid waste for which the municipality **or solid waste**
8 **management district** was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire landfill,
9 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. **Payments to solid waste districts shall reflect only the**
10 **amount of the surcharge paid for waste generated by New Hampshire municipalities**
11 **within the applicable solid waste district.** Administration of the payment program shall be in
12 accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and
13 V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for **solid waste**
14 **management districts or** municipalities that own and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-
15 R:5, or **municipalities** that are part of a solid waste district that owns and operates such a facility
16 to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities **or solid waste management districts** are
17 offset consistent with this chapter.

18 2 Solid Waste Management Fund; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 149-R:6, IV-V to read as follows:

19 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities **and**
20 **solid waste management districts** pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

21 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities **and solid waste**
22 **management districts** requesting payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

23 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

SB 593- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1215s)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

| Estimated State Impact | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
| Revenue | \$0 | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase |
| <i>Revenue Fund(s)</i> | Solid Waste Management Fund | | | |
| Expenditures* | \$0 | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase |
| <i>Funding Source(s)</i> | Solid Waste Management Fund | | | |
| Appropriations* | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| <i>Funding Source(s)</i> | None | | | |

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

| Estimated Political Subdivision Impact | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 |
| Local Revenue | \$0 | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase |
| Local Expenditures | \$0 | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase |

METHODOLOGY:

This bill allows solid waste management districts, in addition to municipalities, to pay the solid waste disposal surcharge and to receive reimbursement from the Solid Waste Management Fund. The Department of Environmental Services states any surcharge payments made by solid waste management districts would be deposited into the Solid Waste Management Fund and that such districts would be eligible for reimbursement of 100% of the surcharge paid from the same fund. As a result, the Department states the fiscal impact on state revenues and expenditures is expected to be neutral, as any increase in revenue would be offset by a corresponding increase in expenditures from the same fund.

The fiscal impact on municipalities is expected to be neutral. Solid waste management districts and municipalities would be required to pay the solid waste disposal surcharge; however, they

would be eligible for reimbursement from the Solid Waste Management Fund for amounts paid, resulting in no net fiscal impact.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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