

CHAPTER 58

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 721]
COUNTIES—SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL,
PROCESSING, AND CONVERSION

AN ACT Relating to local government; adding new sections to chapter 36.58 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 36.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As used in this act, the term "transfer station" means a staffed, fixed supplemental facility used by persons and route collection vehicles to deposit solid wastes into transfer trailers for transportation to a disposal site. This does not include detachable containers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 36.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislative authority of each county may by ordinance provide for the establishment of a system of solid waste disposal for all the unincorporated areas of the county or for portions thereof. Each county may designate disposal sites for all solid waste collected in the unincorporated areas pursuant to the provisions of a comprehensive solid waste plan adopted pursuant to chapter 70.95 RCW: PROVIDED, That for any solid waste collected by a private hauler operating pursuant to a certificate granted by the Washington utilities and transportation commission under the provisions of chapter 81.77 RCW and which certificate is for collection in a geographic area lying in more than one county, such designation of disposal sites shall be pursuant to an interlocal agreement between the involved counties.

Such systems may also provide for the processing and conversion of solid wastes into other valuable or useful products with full jurisdiction and authority to manage, regulate, maintain, operate, and control such system and plants, and to enter into agreements providing for the maintenance and operation of systems and plants for the processing and conversion of solid wastes and for the sale of said products.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the operation of a solid waste collection system by counties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 36.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

When a comprehensive solid waste plan, as provided in RCW 70.95.080, incorporates the use of transfer stations, such stations shall be considered part of the disposal site and as such, along with the transportation of solid wastes between disposal sites, shall be exempt from regulation by the Washington utilities and transportation commission as provided in chapter 81.77 RCW.

Each county may enter into contracts for the hauling of trailers of solid wastes from these transfer stations to disposal sites and return either by (1) the normal

bidding process, or (2) negotiation with the qualified collection company servicing the area under authority of chapter 81.77 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 36.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Ownership of solid wastes shall be vested in the person or local jurisdiction managing disposal and/or resource recovery facilities upon the arrival of said solid wastes at said facility: **PROVIDED**, That the original owner retains ownership of the solid wastes until they arrive at the disposal site or transfer station or detachable container, and the original owner has the right of recovery to any valuable items inadvertently discarded: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That the person or agency providing the collection service shall be responsible for the proper handling of the solid wastes from the point of collection to the disposal or recovery facility.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1976 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 59

[House Bill No. 739]

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY—TRAVELERS CHECKS

AN ACT Relating to unclaimed property; amending section 2, chapter 385, Laws of 1955 and RCW 63.28.080.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 385, Laws of 1955 and RCW 63.28.080 are each amended to read as follows:

The following property held or owing by a banking or financial organization or business association is presumed abandoned:

(1) Any demand, savings, or matured time deposit made in this state with a banking organization, together with any interest or dividend which has accrued thereon, excluding any charges that may lawfully be withheld, unless the owner has, within twelve years:

(a) Increased or decreased the amount of the deposit, or presented the pass-book or other similar evidence of the deposit for the crediting of interest; or

(b) Corresponded in writing with the banking organization concerning the deposit; or

(c) Otherwise indicated an interest in the deposit as evidenced by a memorandum on file with the banking organization.

(2) Any funds paid in this state toward the purchase of shares or other interest in a financial organization or any deposit made therewith in this state, and any interest or dividend which has accrued thereon, excluding any charges that may lawfully be withheld, unless the owner has within twelve years: