

HB 2372 -- Joint Committee on Missouri's Eco Friendly Solid Waste

Sponsor: Franz

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Missouri's Eco Friendly Solid Waste composed of five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker, with no more than three members from either chamber being of the same political party. The committee must examine Missouri's present and future solid waste management needs to determine the best strategy to ensure an affordable and environmentally conscious long-term strategy for waste management that will meet the needs of the people and businesses of Missouri for the next 25 years.

The committee may hold hearings and obtain input or information necessary to fulfill its obligations and may make reasonable requests of the House of Representatives and Senate research and appropriations staff, as well as the Committee on Legislative Research, the departments of Economic Development and Natural Resources, and the Missouri Public Service Commission. Committee members will receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses associated with the performance of their official duties.

The committee must submit a final report with its recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary to the General Assembly by December 31, 2010, at which time the committee will be dissolved. Until the committee issues its report, the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited from issuing a permit for any new nonsource separated material recovery facility.

The bill contains an emergency clause.