

HCS HB 93 -- SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMITTING

SPONSOR: Schwadron

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 4, with 1 present.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 93.

Currently, facilities designed to incinerate solid waste must provide a health and safety buffer of at least 50 feet from a facility located in a nonresidential area in St. Louis City and at least 300 feet from a facility anywhere else in the state.

This bill requires a new transfer station in a county with a charter form of government to provide a buffer zone determined by the Department of Natural Resources that extends at least 1000 feet from the facility located in a residential area. The Department must consider certain types of buildings when establishing the buffer zone.

This bill is similar to HB 1645 (2022).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill strikes the appropriate balance between protecting residential areas and the community by increasing the buffer zone for new transfer stations, while providing for a grandfather clause for current stations to not be overly onerous.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Schwadron.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.