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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6050**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 6**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 29, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 29, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Hazardous waste grant program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (CCR Amended) (1) It requires the Department of Environmental Management to provide financial assistance to local units of government and solid waste management districts through matching grants awarded for projects involving the collection, recycling, or disposal of: (a) household hazardous waste; and (b) waste generated by conditionally exempt small quantity generators. (Current law requires the Department to provide grants only for collection and disposal projects involving household hazardous waste.)

(2) It provides that an additional source of funds for household hazardous waste collection, recycling, or disposal project grants is the Solid Waste Management Fund.

(3) It extends the time from 12 months to 24 months in which collection, recycling, or disposal projects must be completed.

(4) It increases from \$250,000 to \$450,000 the amount of money that is available each year from the Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund to provide collection, recycling, or disposal project grants.

(5) It allows the Solid Waste Management Board to adopt rules concerning the household hazardous waste grant program instead of requiring the Board to adopt rules.

(6) It amends the definition of household hazardous waste for purposes of the law concerning: (a) the household hazardous waste grant program; and (b) solid waste management districts.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) (1) It expands the type of projects that are eligible for matching grants from the Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund (HSRTF) to include the collection,

recycling, or disposal of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste. Current law requires the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to provide grants only for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste. The HSRTF receives revenue from the hazardous waste land disposal tax and the annual fee and penalties paid by owners of underground storage tanks containing regulated substances other than petroleum. IDEM awarded \$156,811 in FY 98 and \$353,418 in FY 97 to local units of government and solid waste management districts (SWMDs). The unobligated balance of the HSRTF on June 30, 1998 was approximately \$27.3 million.

(2) It allows money in the Solid Waste Management Fund (SWMF) to be used to provide grants for the collection, recycling, or disposal of household hazardous waste or conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste. Money in the SWMF is currently used for the following purposes: (a) grants and loans that provide education and promote recycling and the use of recycled materials, waste reduction, and management of yard waste and (b) grants to implement household hazardous waste source reduction or recycling projects.

Not more than 50% of revenue from the \$0.50 per ton state solid waste management fee imposed on the disposal or incineration of solid waste is to be deposited in the SWMF. In FY 98, approximately \$2.3 million in fee revenue was deposited in the SWMF. The balance of the SWMF on June 30, 1998 was almost \$3.4 million.

(4) It increases the amount of money that is available each year for grants from the HSRTF from \$250,000 to \$450,000. The HSRTF receives revenue from the hazardous waste land disposal tax and the annual fee and penalties paid by owners of underground storage tanks containing regulated substances other than petroleum. IDEM awarded \$156,811 in FY 98 and \$353,418 in FY 97 to local units of government and SWMDs. The unobligated balance of the HSRTF on June 30, 1998 was approximately \$27.3 million.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) (1) It expands the types of projects for which local units of government and SWMDs may receive matching grant money.

(3) It extends the period of time in which projects must be completed from 12 months to 24 months. This allows local units of government and SWMDs more time to complete projects for which they received grant money.

(4) It increases the amount of matching grant money available to local units of government and SWMDs from \$250,000 to \$450,000 each year.

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Environmental Management

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units of government; Solid waste management districts.

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