



Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee

NWRA Testimony on SF 1531, Ruud

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Introduction: Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee, my name is Doug Carnival and I am here today representing the Minnesota Chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA), an industry association of waste haulers, recyclers and waste processing facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SF 1531. We appreciate the efforts of Senator Ruud to capture additional solid waste tax revenue that is currently sent to the General Fund and our Association has long held the belief, as stated in statute, that solid waste tax revenues should be used for solid waste purposes.

We fully support greater diversion of recyclable material, including organics, from the waste stream. To that end, we have always supported increasing SCORE grants to counties to provide more resources for reducing waste and recycling more materials from the waste stream. We support legislation that fairly and equitably distributes additional solid waste tax revenue to the counties for recycling purposes.

Thank you for your time today---I appreciate the opportunity to testify and our Association looks forward to further discussion of these important issues.

