

SF4523 - 0 - End-of-life products task force

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 Agency: **Pollution Control Agency**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative.
 Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Environmental	-	-	-	275	44	-
Total	-	-	-	275	44	-
Biennial Total				275		44

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		Biennium			Biennium	
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Environmental	-	-	-	1.01	.25	-
Total	-	-	-	1.01	.25	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Environmental	-	-	275	44	-	-
Total	-	-	275	44	-	-
Biennial Total			275		44	
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Environmental						
Expenditures	-	-	277	44	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	-	(2)	-	-	-
Total	-	-	275	44	-	-
Biennial Total			275		44	
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Environmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-	-

Bill Description

Bill establishes a task force to advise the commissioner on ways to increase the recovery of critical materials from end-of-life products. Critical materials is defined as materials on the final 2023 Critical Materials List published by the US Secretary of Energy in the federal register on August 4, 2023.

By October 1, 2024, the commissioner must establish and appoint a task force of 10 members, as defined in the statute language. The task force must elect a chair at its initial meeting, meet quarterly, and be supported by Agency staff. The task force must advise the commissioner with respect to policy and program operations designed to increase the recovery of critical materials from end of life products by:

- Investigating emerging technologies
- Evaluating the economic, environmental, and social costs, benefits and impacts with methods of recovery
- Identify options to prevent products containing critical materials from being landfilled or combusted
- Consult with stakeholders regarding recycling and end-of-life management options, and
- Identify the infrastructure needed to develop an integrated system to collect, transport, and recycle projects for critical materials recovery.

The task force must meet at least quarterly.

By June 30, 2025, the task force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations for administrative and legislative action to the commissioner and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdictions over solid waste.

Effective the day following enactment.

Assumptions

Per Minnesota Statute 15.059 Subdivision 6, advisory task forces shall receive expenses in the same manner and amount as provided in the commissioner's plan (MS 43A.18, subdivision2). It is noted that MN 43A.18 subdivision 2 applies to

classified and unclassified employees.

Extensive research will not be possible in the short amount of time allowed by this bill; therefore, the task force will rely on available existing information and their own knowledge and consultation with stakeholders to determine best methods and options.

A contractor will be needed to facilitate meetings and develop the report.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Funding will support 1 temporary unclassified position for 1.25 years (July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025) and per diem expenses of task force attendees.

The MPCA Commissioner or designee's time on the task force (0.01) will be absorbed costs.

Reimbursement for task force attendees estimated:

6 meetings, 10 attendees, 20 miles each at \$0.67/mile, and \$13 cost of lunch) = \$1,584

Contractor to facilitate the task force and develop the report anticipated: \$100,000

*The annual cost of 1.0 FTE is \$175,000 in FY2023-2027. Annual costs for 1.0 FTE include salary, fringe, and non-specialized employee support costs (work space, computer and office supplies, office equipment, local travel, etc.)

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Results and recommendations from the report required in this bill may create needs for additional work and funds in the future.

Local Fiscal Impact

Because the task force would require representation from the Solid Waste Administrator's Association and a Minnesota Tribal government, there could be some staffing costs associated with this work not covered by the per diem costs.

References/Sources

Staff familiar with the work were consulted on the drafting of this note.

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