



CONSERVATION  
MINNESOTA

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RE: SF1082 (Dibble)

Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

Conservation Minnesota urges your support for SF1082 (Dibble), which over several years, returns the revenues from the Solid Waste Management Tax to one of its originally intended purposes – helping counties reduce solid waste through SCORE grants.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency uses Solid Waste Management Tax revenues for several important purposes, including county waste reduction and recycling funding, also known as SCORE grants. These grants help counties reduce the amount of solid waste generated, increase recycling and composting, educate the public on better solid waste disposal options, cut down on litter, and improve overall solid waste management.

SCORE funding has been a critical piece of our solid waste management solutions since 1989, when SCORE grants were first passed into law. Thanks to SCORE funding, Minnesota has refined its waste management programs, and has become a national leader in recycling. Yet SCORE funding could be even better for counties if the diversion of the Solid Waste Management Tax is corrected and the revenues are rededicated for their original purposes.

In addition, SCORE reporting has also helped us understand the gravity of our current waste crisis, where the sheer tonnage is no longer manageable through outdated solid waste management models. As has been done for three decades, counties will use SCORE funding to develop better, more resilient waste management processes.

In this era of e-commerce and increased consumer waste and packaging, counties need SCORE funding to help their communities reduce solid waste. We kindly ask for your support of SF1082 (Dibble).

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