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HB 5573 (Environment Committee bill is 5544)

1. Point of bill is three fold:
 - a. To make it clear that properties that generate hazardous waste as a result of building demolition alone are not subject to the Transfer Act. Many buildings (and not just manufacturing but commercial and retail buildings) contain asbestos, PCBs in window caulk or in paint, and other substances as a result of the manufacturing process. These substances also can migrate into adjacent building materials. The intent of the bill is to exempt these building materials that are manufactured with toxic or hazardous substances or have been contaminated by such products from triggering the Transfer Act when the buildings are torn down. From a public policy standpoint, these sites do not need to trigger the Transfer Act based upon that activity alone. (Sections 3 & 4)
 - b. To allow for properties to exit either the Transfer Act or voluntary programs if a portion of the property is remediated. (Sections 1 & 5)
 - i. Assists those property owners and developers who have remediated a portion of their property under either the Transfer Act or voluntary program. Allows them to file an interim verification rather than waiting for an entire parcel to satisfy the requirements of the interim verification.
 - ii. Large benefit to owners and those who are doing the right thing and cleaning up their properties.
 - iii. Allows for an accelerated audit period for those parcels that have filed an interim verification. Gets us to closure faster.
 - c. To provide that municipalities who exercise the general power of eminent domain may do so without triggering the Transfer Act. (Section 2)
2. Brownfield working group continues to work with DEEP on the reaching common ground on these issues. We may be there conceptually, but some fine tuning is needed.

HB 5576.

10 million continues the funding for the brownfield grant & loan program.