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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5599**

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| STATE IMPACT | Potential Cost (General Fund), Cost (Solid Waste Fund), see explanation below |
| MUNICIPAL IMPACT | None |
| STATE AGENCY(S) | Environmental Protection |

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: It is anticipated that if the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) can use the Environmental Protection Agency's approved standards, any costs associated with completing a plan by February 1, 1993 will be minimal and absorbed within existing resources. However, if the DEP has to determine valid standards and go through the Administrative Procedures Act, additional resources would be needed of approximately $150,000. This is based on the work done on dioxin standards which took 3 man years to complete. Costs associated with quarterly mercury testing would range from $75,000 to $400,000 and would depend upon whether minimal testing or if per stack (app. $5,000 per stack plus staff time) continuous testing were done. This would be up to DEP to decide. The testing is to be financed through the Solid Waste Fund. The Solid Waste Fund is currently used to support 6 positions in the inspection of resource recovery facilities and the monitoring of dioxin emmissions. In addition, sHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) transfers the responsibility for funding 13 positions from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Fund. Approximately $1.5 million dollars in revenue is generated for the Fund per year, and it is estimated that the Solid Waste Fund balance will be $2.2 million at the close of this fiscal year. Expenditures for FY 1993 including the 13 additional positions and not including mercury expenditures related to this bill, are estimated at approximately $2 million which will leave a Fund balance at the close of FY 1993 of approximately $1.7 million. The Fund should remain solvent at least through FY 1995. However, requiring this additional activity would jeopardize the Fund solvency.