

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 501

Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill

February 14, 2003

An act to amend Section 47200 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 501, as introduced, Cogdill. Solid waste: grants.

Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes an integrated waste management program administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Under the act, each operator of a solid waste disposal facility is required to pay a quarterly fee to the State Board of Equalization, based upon the amount of solid waste disposed of at each site, and the revenue from the fee is required to be deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund. The board is authorized to expend the revenues in the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes, including issuing grants to cities, counties, or other local agencies for local programs to help prevent the disposal of hazardous waste at solid waste disposal sites, including, but not limited to, programs to expand or initially implement household hazardous waste programs. Existing law requires the board, in making grants, to give priority to specified types of programs, including new programs for rural areas, underserved areas, and small cities. Existing law prohibits the total amount of grants made by the board pursuant to this grant program from exceeding, in any one fiscal year, \$3,000,000 or, under specified circumstances, \$5,000,000.

This bill would specify that the programs to which the board may make grants include programs that maintain existing programs in rural cities and counties. The bill would add to the types of programs to which the board is required to give priority, those programs that continue existing programs serving rural areas, underserved areas, and for small cities. This bill would also require at least 10% of the total annual amount of grants made for these programs to be distributed, noncompetitively, to rural counties and cities as block grants.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 47200 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 47200. (a) The board shall expend funds from the account,
4 upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the making of grants to
5 cities, counties, or other local agencies with responsibility for solid
6 waste management, and for local programs to help prevent the
7 disposal of hazardous wastes at disposal sites, including, but not
8 limited to, programs to expand or initially implement household
9 hazardous waste programs *and programs to maintain existing*
10 *programs in rural cities and counties.* In making grants pursuant
11 to this section, the board shall give priority to funding programs
12 that provide for the following:

13 (1) New programs for rural areas, underserved areas, and for
14 small cities.

15 (2) Expansion of existing programs to provide for the
16 collection of additional waste types, innovative or more
17 cost-effective collection methods, or expanded public education
18 services.

19 (3) Regional household hazardous waste programs.

20 (4) *Continuation of existing programs serving rural areas,*
21 *underserved areas, and for small cities.*

22 (b) (1) The total amount of grants made by the board pursuant
23 to this section ~~shall~~ may not exceed, in any one fiscal year, three
24 million dollars (\$3,000,000). *At least 10 percent of the total annual*
25 *amount of grants made pursuant to this section shall be*
26 *distributed, noncompetitively, to rural counties and cities as block*
27 *grants.*



1 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the total amount of grants
2 made by the board pursuant to this section may exceed three
3 million dollars (\$3,000,000) but ~~shall~~ *may* not exceed five million
4 dollars (\$5,000,000), in any one fiscal year, if sufficient funds are
5 appropriated from the Integrated Waste Management Account for
6 this purpose.

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