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# sHB-5019 AN ACT ESTABLISHING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSUMER BATTERIES.

## AMENDMENT

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Energy and	GF - Potential	Minimal	Minimal
<b>Environmental Protection</b>	Revenue Gain		
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
	Revenue Gain		

Note: GF=General Fund

#### Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Potential	Minimal	None
	Savings		

## Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment requires a plan for and implements a statewide battery stewardship program. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is responsible for reviewing and approving the plans submitted by battery producers. The amendment results in the fiscal impacts described below.

## **Potential Revenue Gain to DEEP**

Primary Analyst: SB Contributing Analyst(s): ME, LG, BP Reviewer: PR The amendment may result in a revenue gain, beginning in FY 26, to DEEP as the department may assess a fee of up to \$50,000 annually on each stewardship organization to cover the costs of program administration. Total revenue is expected to be minimal annually, subject to the number of stewardship organizations and the fee set by DEEP.

There are no anticipated costs to DEEP for administration of the statewide battery stewardship program, DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to oversee the program.

#### Fines

The amendment additionally allows the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to bring an action to enforce the provisions of the amendment resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur, the OAG brings an action, and fines are collected.

## **Municipal Impact**

The amendment results in a potential savings to municipalities, beginning in FY 27, as fewer batteries would be a part of municipal solid waste (MSW). Current average tipping fees for MSW are approximately \$110 per ton. Any savings to municipalities would be dependent on the volume of batteries being disposed of in the MSW stream. The amendment also allows municipalities to serve as a collection site for the battery stewardship program. Any costs to municipalities for serving as a collection site would be reimbursed by the battery stewardship organization.

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