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Senate Bill 861 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish the following goals for waste recycling volumes in the State: 30% by July 1, 2009, and 50% by July 1, 2014.

By July 1 of each year, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would have to provide to the Legislature a report containing the previous year's waste diversion volumes and recycling rates. In its report, the DEQ would have to use a methodology for measuring rates consistent with methodology developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a guide for state and local governments.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 721, which would impose a surcharge on land-filled solid waste, and Senate Bill 790, which would establish the Recycling Advisory Council within the DEQ.

Proposed MCL 324.17305

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact. It would set goals for waste recycling volume. The reduction of waste disposed of at landfills in the State could result in savings, but the development and implementation of a recycling program and markets for goods made from recycled materials could create indeterminate expenses.

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