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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill contains the budget adjustments for those agencies and departments that have environmental and natural resources responsibilities.

### Section

- 1 **Pollution control agency (PCA).** Reduces the 2003 appropriation to the PCA by \$1,041,000, and specifies that this reduction eliminates the agency's household hazardous waste program. Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 transfer this responsibility to the office of environmental assistance (OEA).
- 2 **Office of environmental assistance.** Shifts \$10,000,000 in 2003 in SCORE grant funds from the general fund to the solid waste fund. Specifies that the base level funding for SCORE grants from the solid waste fund in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 is \$5,000,000 each year. Provides \$1,041,000 in fiscal years 2003 through 2005 from the solid waste fund for administration of the household hazardous waste program.
- 3 **Recycling information, education, and promotion.** Makes technical changes to the statute requiring the OEA to provide information and assistance on recycling and other waste management practices.
- 4 **SCORE block grants; purposes for which the money may be spent.** Restricts the county use of SCORE block grants to programs that reduce waste generation, promote recycling, remove problem materials from the waste stream, and process mixed municipal solid waste.
- to 88 **Household hazardous waste management programs; transfer to OEA.** Completes the transfer of the administration of the household hazardous waste program from the PCA to the OEA.
- 9 **OEA director; appointing authority.** Encourages the governor to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of having the governor appoint the OEA director rather than the PCA

commissioner.