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Bill Summary

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Overview

In 1989, the Minnesota Legislature adopted comprehensive waste reduction and recycling legislation based on recommendations of the Governor's Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment. This set of laws, referred to as SCORE, is part of Minnesota's Waste Management Act (WMA). The SCORE legislation, which is administered by the Pollution Control Agency, has provided counties with a funding source to develop waste reduction, recycling and solid waste management programs.

SCORE data reported (available at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/oea/lc/score.cfm>) includes, for each county, recycling amounts for approximately 20 different materials, amounts of materials banned from solid waste (such as waste tires, electronics, and latex paint) that is brought to county household hazardous waste facilities, and shows what amounts of a county's municipal solid waste stream were sent to individual landfills and resource recovery facilities.

In 2008, counties participating in SCORE received a total of \$13,857,607, distributed as shown below:

SCORE Payment	Number of counties
\$55,000 (minimum)	40
\$55,001 - \$99,999	20
\$100,000 - \$199,999	11
\$200,000 - \$499,999	9
\$500,000 - \$999,999	3
\$1,000,000+	2

House File 2117 (as amended by the author's H2117A3 amendment) waives the annual reporting requirement for 2010 and establishes a working group of county solid waste officials to re-examine the SCORE reporting requirements and to recommend changes that reduce the cost of reporting, including,

possibly, the use of multicounty reporting, and ensure consistent estimation methods are used. The recommendations are to be made to the legislature by January 15, 2010.