

Subject Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust (MLCAT) account

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Summary

This bill requires the commissioner of management and budget to transfer \$29,055,000 from the general fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency action trust (MLCAT) account before June 30, 2022. The money would restore money previously transferred from the account as well as compensate the account for the estimated investment income that would have been earned on the money had it remained in the account.

The MLCAT was established by the legislature in 1999 to deal with short-term environmental problems at mixed municipal solid waste landfills in the Twin Cities metropolitan area that could not be addressed by owners or operators, and to pay the cost of long-term care of landfills that had been properly closed for at least 30 years.

Funds deposited in the account come from three sources: (1) 25 percent of the metropolitan solid waste landfill fee on waste disposed in Twin Cities' landfills; (2) money recovered by the Pollution Control Agency for reimbursement of costs incurred; and (3) interest earned on the fund balance.

In 2004, \$9,905,000 was transferred from the account to the general fund; an additional \$4,000,000 was transferred to the renewable development account in 2005. This bill repays those transfers from the general fund as well as compensates the account for the estimated lost investment earnings the money would have earned once the account was required (by a law passed in 2016) to be invested through the State Board of Investment