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House Bill 4384 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Ken Sikkema

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RATIONALE

Presently, under the Clean Michigan Fund Act, organizations involved in recycling and composting projects are eligible to receive grants for the projects if they obtain all of the licenses and permits needed to implement the projects after February 1, 1986. Although the Act was designed to fund projects operated by organizations with proven reputations, the current language of the Act limits funding to organizations that had just recently developed a project. Some people believe that legislation is needed so that organizations that had developed projects prior to the 1986 date also may be entitled to a grant.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Clean Michigan Fund Act to remove the provision that requires projects to have obtained permits for solid waste processing after February 1, 1986, in order to be eligible to receive a grant under the Act.

MCL 299.389a

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

ARGUMENTS***Supporting Argument***

Presently, the section of the Clean Michigan Fund Act addressed by the bill is subject to varying interpretations and many organizations are confused about this aspect of the application process (i.e., who can apply for the grants and who can't). The technical amendment would ensure that organizations which had developed projects prior to February 1, 1986 would be eligible to receive grants from the Clean Michigan Fund.

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