

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 1617 (Alanis)

As Amended July 2, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Requires a public agency responsible for household hazardous waste (HHW) management to, on or before October 1 of each year, submit the Form 303 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Report (Form 303) to the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) with the reporting information for the prior calendar year.

Senate Amendments

Requires CalRecycle, instead of the public agency, to submit the Form 303 to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) upon request.

COMMENTS

Hazardous waste management: Hazardous waste is a waste with properties that make it potentially dangerous or harmful to human health or the environment. In regulatory terms, a waste is hazardous if it appears on a Resources Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous wastes list or exhibits one of the four characteristics of a hazardous waste: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. However, materials can be hazardous wastes even if they are not specifically listed or do not exhibit any characteristic of a hazardous waste. Hazardous wastes are prohibited from being disposed of in the trash, and must be properly transported and disposed of at permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facilities or at a recycling facility.

Universal waste: Universal waste comes primarily from consumer products containing mercury, lead, cadmium and other substances that are hazardous to human health and the environment. These items cannot be discarded in household trash nor disposed of in landfills. Examples of universal waste are batteries, fluorescent tubes, and many electronic devices. Under both state and federal law and regulation, universal wastes are authorized to be managed in a less stringent manner than hazardous waste. HHW collection facilities generally accept universal waste.

Household hazardous waste: HHW is a waste generated by a resident and household. A person generates this waste while performing tasks in and around their home. When a person disposes of these products, they become "household hazardous waste." These wastes may cause harm to human health and the environment if handled or disposed of incorrectly. The safest place for a resident to take their HHW is to a household hazardous waste facility (HHWF). Common HHW includes, but is not limited to, antifreeze, glue and adhesives, pesticides, used oil, batteries, electronic wastes, and household cleaners. In California, HHW is prohibited from being disposed of in the trash, down the drain, or by abandonment, and must be disposed of through a HHW Program. Most HHWFs are run by local government agencies such as cities or counties.

HHW collection: California Hazardous Waste Law provides several management requirements for HHW generators and establishes a streamlined permitting process for HHW collection facilities. Additionally, local agencies may offer a number of services to assist in the transportation of HHW to a collection facility, including a curbside collection program, a mobile collection facility, a door-to-door collection program, a HHW residential pickup service, a

registered hazardous waste transporter, or a registered hazardous waste transporter operating under a contract with a public agency.

Form 303: Form 303 requires HHWFs to record and report on the type and quantity of HHW received. CalRecycle uses data from the Form 303 to track trends in HHW and other related waste collected by HHWFs. Existing regulation requires HHWFs to submit the Form 303 to CalRecycle on October 1 of each year for reporting information during the prior fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

This bill: changes the reporting timeframe for Form 303 from a fiscal year to a calendar year.

HHWF reporting: HHWFs collect a wide variety of hazardous wastes from households and as a result they report this information to a number of different state agencies. These HHWFs report universal waste and treated wood waste information to DTSC; hazardous waste fee information to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration; used oil information and other required information to CalRecycle; and, the Form 303 to both CalRecycle and DTSC. For the most part, these reporting requirements require reporting of information for a calendar year, except for the Form 303, which covers reporting during a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

This bill requires the reporting information contained in Form 303 to be from the prior calendar year, thereby aligning this reporting information with other reporting requirements for HHWFs. This change is designed to reduce workload and administrative costs for local governments managing HHWFs, while still providing the same information to CalRecycle.

According to the Author

"AB 1617 is a common-sense improvement to how California tracks and manages household hazardous waste. By aligning reporting deadlines for both CalRecycle and DTSC, this bill would ease an administrative burden on local agencies and make data clearer to the public."

Arguments in Support

According to the Rural County Representatives of California,

"Assembly Bill 1617 aligns different reporting periods for reports that local household hazardous waste collection facilities (HHWCFs) must submit to CalRecycle and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Local jurisdictions operate HHWCFs to provide residents and very small quantity generators with an opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste. HHWCFs have long been required to submit a Form 303 to CalRecycle disclosing the types and quantities of HHW collected at each facility. As part of a budget package to overhaul the DTSC's fee authority, the Legislature created a new requirement for all hazardous waste generators to submit an annual report containing specified information to DTSC. As a result, HHWCFs must submit nearly identical information to two different state agencies covering different reporting periods (fiscal year for CalRecycle vs calendar year for DTSC). These two reporting requirements are nearly identical, except that the [electronic Verification Questionnaire] (eVQ) system [DTSC's system] requires information on the number of employees while the Form 303 also provides more granular information on waste streams. Regardless of the similarities in material covered, the different reporting periods require significant additional work for local agencies to parse the data for little to no additional benefit to the state.

AB 1617 commendably seeks to align the reporting periods for these two similar reports, which will reduce workload and administrative costs for local governments and their contractors who run household hazardous waste collection programs."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, enactment of this bill could create minor and absorbable costs to both CalRecycle and DTSC.

VOTES:**ASM ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: 7-0-0**

YES: Connolly, Ellis, Bauer-Kahan, Castillo, Lee, McKinnor, Papan

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Arambula, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Muratsuchi, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Calderon

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0-12

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Boerner, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula, Berman, Bonta, Dixon, Flora, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Papan, Celeste Rodriguez, Schiavo

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