
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

SB 811 (Caballero) - Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities

Version: January 5, 2026

Policy Vote: E.Q. 5 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: January 22, 2026

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would establish a new regulatory structure at the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for metal shredding facilities.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on January 22, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- DTSC estimates ongoing costs of about \$1.6 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 (Metal Shredders Facility Account or other special fund) for four positions due to increased oversight and regulatory workload as a result of this bill. Staff note that SB 811 would require that all oversight and permitting costs be reimbursed by metal shredder facilities and be deposited in the newly established Metal Shredders Facility Account. DTSC notes that this cost estimate is based on the number of shredders that currently operate in the state and DTSC's current resources for metal shredder activities as authorized in the 2025 Budget Act. An increase or decrease in the number of metal shredders seeking permits and needing oversight, or a change in the department's appropriation, might result in a change in resources required to implement this bill.

Author Amendments: These amendments would make explicit DTSC enforcement authority, specify included materials, and expand the scope of waters that need to be considered, among other things.

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