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House Bill 5028
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A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5028 AS INTRODUCED 9-21-93

Currently, under the Public Service Commission act, a public utility with more than 500,000 customers must purchase up to 120 megawatts of electricity from resource recovery facilities that process solid waste (municipal garbage incinerators). At least 50.1 percent of this solid waste must be generated within the public utility's service area. House Bill 5028 would amend this provision of the act to require that 90 percent or more of the qualified solid waste processed by the resource recovery facility must be generated by the public utility's customers. Under the bill, a public utility would also be permitted to purchase an additional 40 megawatts of electricity from a resource recovery facility if additional facility capacity could be developed within the utility's service area. In addition — in order to reflect the source of the waste fuel stream — the Public Service Commission (PSC) would be required to authorize that a public utility's proposed electric rates reflect all the costs incurred for resource recovery facility capacity and energy in proportion to customer class.

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