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Senate Bill 1143 (as introduced 3-8-00)
Sponsor: Senator Ken Sikkema
Committee: Government Operations

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CONTENT

The bill would repeal Part 51 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which requires the Department of Environmental Quality, upon receiving a proposal to implement a land disposal wastewater management program by a Federal, State, or local unit of government, to submit to the Governor, the Legislature, and local units of government its views as to the program's environmental consequences, cost effectiveness, and social acceptability. The Department of Agriculture also is required to present its views regarding the program's impact on agriculture. Upon receiving the Departments' views, the Legislature and the local units of government are required to approve or disapprove the implementation of the program.

"Land disposal wastewater management program" means the program developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers southeastern Michigan survey scope wastewater management study, as authorized in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives Public Works Committee and the U.S. Senate Public Works Committee or any other study by the Corps of Engineers proposing disposal of municipal wastewater on land.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The Land Disposal Wastewater Management Program was never developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, no proposal for implementation was ever submitted for review and comment by the Department of Environmental Quality.

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