

Dems push for review of costs in state waste disposal industry

AP — Rising costs for garbage removal may lead Michigan to regulate the waste disposal industry if the increases are unwarranted, according to a group of Senate Democrats.

Landfills, transfer stations, waste-to-energy incinerators and waste haulers are among the businesses to be reviewed by the committee, comprised of five Democrats appointed by House Speaker Lewis D. Cook, D-Saginaw.

"Individuals and local units of government are trying to determine the best and most economical way of disposing of trash and other solid

waste," said Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch. "Our investigation will produce useful and authoritative data about the current rate structure."

"THERE'S NO question the cost of disposing of our garbage is going to increase, especially as we see communities saying they don't want landfills and the Department of Natural Resources putting more stringent regulations on landfills," Committee members said Thursday.

But a full review of the industry would be completed before any decisions were made.

Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, said the waste disposal business may have to be viewed much like a public utility to control cost and environmental hazards. "We want to make sure their profits aren't 40 or 50 percent."

Rep. Roland Niederstadt, D-Saginaw, said in his district the cost of removing trash on curbsides has doubled in three Saginaw County townships — Saginaw, Swan Creek and Tittabawassee.

The committee, which will hold public hearings throughout the state, is working with Attorney General Frank Kelley's office.

In addition to rates, the panel also plans to look at the number of waste haulers in Michigan, the amount of waste from other states disposed of in Michigan and contracts between municipalities and waste disposal companies.

Another House panel, the Solid Waste Study Committee, met last Thursday to ask corporate leaders

about their efforts to recycle their waste and purchase recycled paper.

Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton and its chairman, said the panel wants to find ways to encourage companies to use recycled products, including through financial incentives such as a single business tax credit.

"WE WANT to stimulate markets but we don't want to do that through a government mandate," he said.

Representatives from Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan and Upjohn Co. told the panel that the recycling industry needs to do a better job of educating companies about their products.

"Corporations themselves need to get serious about investigating and testing products when they become available," said David Weaver, purchasing manager for the Blues. "Sellers need to sell their products — a lot of these things we never hear about."

OU begins vending condoms

Oakland University has begun vending condoms from four vending machines placed in lower level restrooms in two of its widely used buildings.

The condoms are among materials dispensed by AHA services, condoms continue to be available in the Graham Health Center as well.

"In response to growing concerns in our state and nation regarding AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, we have decided to dispense condoms," said David Herman, dean of students.

The method of distribution will be through the Graham Health Center in combination with educational pro-

gramming and through vending machines in the Oakland Center and Vandenberg Hall.

"This decision is based on a deep concern for the health of our students and should not be interpreted as advocating or condoning premarital sex. This is consistent with the other health related services and programs offered through our counseling and health centers."

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A. When loud noises are described as "deafening," it's not just a figure of speech. The noise levels experienced daily have increased to the point that we've begun to recognize the danger. Any loud noise (the roar of a jet plane, amplified electronic music, drums, and a siren) is a delicate recorder with a scale in the inner ear. Continued exposure to loud noises can eventually destroy these delicate cells and cause irreparable hearing loss.

Sounds are measured in decibels. These units measure the amount of sound. Decibels are measured on a logarithmic scale. The difference between decibels is much greater than it appears. The loudness doubles with each addition of 10. For example, 90 decibels is twice as loud as 80 decibels.

The average person can safely tolerate continuous exposure to 90 decibels. According to NIOSH, the maximum safe exposure time to 90 decibels is eight hours at 90 decibels — only 15 minutes. Decibel level is measured in the sound's source. The rising decibels in the distance away increases.

The noise problem is no longer



Torry Gibb

confined to the workplace. Noise in the home is beginning to reach harmful levels with more appliances and tools in use. As their numbers increase, so does the noise.

The kitchen is usually the noisiest room in the house. The combined noises of garbage disposal, mixer, blender, dish washer and penetration of noise from other areas can drive the noise level up to the 80-100 decibel range. Hearing experts say that listening to music through headphones at 100 decibels for only five minutes a day may result in a hearing loss in just a few years.

The best way to prevent noise pollution is to know your decibel levels.

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