

Subject Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust Account

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Overview

House File 1709 transfers \$13.905 million from the general fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency action trust (MLCAT) account before June 30, 2020, restoring monies previously transferred from the account.

The MLCAT was established by the legislature in 1999 to deal with short-term environmental problems at mixed municipal solid waste landfills in the Twin Cities metropolitan area that could not be addressed by owners or operators, and to pay the cost of long-term care of landfills that had been properly closed for at least 30 years.

Funds deposited in the account come from three sources: (1) 25 percent of the metropolitan solid waste landfill fee on waste disposed in Twin Cities landfills; (2) money recovered by the Pollution Control Agency for reimbursement of costs incurred; and (3) interest earned on the fund balance.

In 2004, \$9.905 million was transferred from the account to the general fund; an additional \$4 million was transferred to the renewable development account in 2005. This bill repays those transfers from the general fund.