



WOMEN'S STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL *OF UTAH*

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB169 – COMMERCIAL WASTE FEE AMENDMENTS

Whereas, Energy Solutions has agreed to bring in only A-level radioactive waste to Utah but has brought in B & C level waste that has been specifically excluded;¹

Whereas, This bill shifts the costs of regulating an industry that brings in harmful radioactive waste from the industry to the taxpayers;

Whereas, Governor Gary H. Herbert is calling on lawmakers to scale back tax breaks;²

Whereas, This bill sets a precedence for other companies to ask taxpayers to pay fees they are now paying;

Whereas, According to the Governor's 2018 budget proposal, fees account for one of every six dollars of the total state budget;

Whereas, Energy Solutions had the funds to give \$1.5 million in political campaign contributions from 2005-2015,³ with \$67,700 going to Utah Legislative campaigns last year;⁴

Whereas, Energy Solutions is a privately held corporation and has sufficient funds to pay for costs of regulating the harmful radioactive waste it brings into this state; and

Whereas, The facility at Promontory Point is currently seeking a permit to bring class 5 waste, a step below the class A waste the Clive Facility receives, from outside the state. Further, with this precedent in place, it will only be a matter of time before the company seeks to expand the types of waste they store; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah opposes HB169-Commercial Waste Fee Amendments

Dated this _____ day of February, 2018

Kendra Seeley, President
Women's State Legislative Council

Gay Lynn Bennion, Director & Kathryn Gustafson, Cmte. Member
Natural Resources & Energy Legislative Committee of WSLC

Sources

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