



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 923**

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**Chairperson:** Ed Schrock  
**Committee:** Natural Resources  
**Date of Hearing:** January 22, 2004

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 923 is to amend the Remedial Action Plan Monitoring Act (RAPMA) to provide additional benefits to participants in the state's voluntary cleanup program and to the public. The recently enacted federal Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act provides certain protections from federal liability at contaminated sites to participants in acceptable state voluntary cleanup programs, identifies minimum criteria for acceptable state voluntary cleanup programs and continued eligibility for federal grants. The bill amends RAPMA to incorporate these minimum criteria by providing opportunities for public participation and ensuring enforceability of cleanup agreements.

The bill also clarifies the types of revenue to be credited to the Remedial Action Plan Monitoring Fund and appropriate uses of this revenue by the Department of Environmental Quality. In addition, clarification is provided on application contents, remedial action plan requirements, and procedures for department review and oversight.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Ed Schrock**