

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB549**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 27, 2013  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Schilz  
**One Liner:** Change the scrap tire recycling sunset provision and fees

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Schilz  
Debra Dopheide  
Andy Pollock

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Keep Alliance Beautiful, Inc.  
Waste Connections

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 549 proposes to increase the annual grant limit of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund, increase the fee imposed per tire under the program, and extend the program's sunset date.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment removes the increased fees language and requires that grants up to \$1.5 million be available annually for new scrap tire projects under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act, and, correspondingly, that fees collected in excess of \$1.5 million be available for grants to political subdivision grants for Integrated Solid Waste Management Act purposes. The program sunset date extension change remains the same, from 2014 to 2019.

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Tom Carlson, Chairperson