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House Bill 4318 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Alvin H. Kukuk  
House Committee: Agriculture and Forestry  
Senate Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to permit the application on farmland, or the use as animal feed, of aquatic plants as well as a residual from fruits, vegetables, sugar beets, or field crops without a solid waste management plan, permit, or license. The application of a residual, aquatic plants, and lime from kraft (paper) pulping processes generated prior to bleaching for an agricultural or silvicultural purpose, or use as animal feed would have to occur in a manner that prevented losses from runoff and leaching, and if applied to the land, the land application would have to be at an agronomic rate consistent with generally accepted agricultural and management practices under the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Currently, a by-product from the processing of fruits, vegetables, sugar beets, field crops, or lime from kraft pulping processes generated prior to bleaching may be applied on farmland or used as animal feed without a solid waste management plan, permit, or license. The application of a by-product or compost to land or for use as animal feed currently must occur in a manner that prevents runoff and leaching and, if applied to land, must be consistent with agricultural and management practices under the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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