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Senate Bill 473 (as introduced 6-16-11)
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Committee: Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate a requirement that a landfill research, development, and demonstration project (RDDP) have a secondary liner and leachate collection system.

Under Part 115, "RDDP" means a research, development, and demonstration project for a new or existing type II landfill unit, or for a lateral expansion of such a unit. (A type II landfill unit accepts municipal solid waste.) A person may submit to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) a project abstract for an RDDP. If the DEQ Director determines that the RDDP will provide beneficial data on alternative landfill design, construction, or operating methods, the person may apply for a construction permit authorizing the establishment of the RDDP.

Part 115 requires an RDDP to include a secondary liner and leachate collection system to monitor the effectiveness of the primary liner. The bill would delete this requirement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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