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Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

Bill: SJR7, Joint Resolutions Approving Energy Solutions Constructing and Operating a Landfill for Nonhazardous Solid Waste

Sponsor: Sen. Sandall

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: This resolution grants provisional legislative approval for the construction and operation of a Class VI commercial nonhazardous solid waste landfill.

Discussion: The sponsor explained that significant volumes of nonhazardous waste that would normally be considered a Class VI are being dumped into low radioactive waste facilities. This is because Energy Solutions does not have a Class VI waste facility. The issue Energy Solutions currently has is if an item presents any radioactivity, then it has to be put into a radioactive waste facility. This Class VI facility would be for items with extremely low levels of radiation. The radiation from the waste will not compile in this Class VI facility to a point where it is dangerous. The waste that would be put into this facility must be less than 25 millirem of radioactivity. The landfill will be overseen by the Department of Environmental Quality. The Class VI radioactive waste is 90% lower than medical radioactive waste.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: Passed to the Senate with favorable recommendation.