
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: SB 3081: BROWNFIELDS ACT
DATE: 2/14/2001
CC: FILE

Sen. Nunnlee will be holding a hearing on SB 3081 (MS Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Incentives Act, attached) at 9:15 AM, THURSDAY. This bill would provide tax credits, including job tax credits under Advantage Mississippi, for those who have polluted a property so they could clean it up.

Essentially the bill:

1. Provides a \$150,000 income tax credit for responsible parties to clean up brownfield areas.
2. Following clean-up, the responsible parties would become eligible for the JOBS tax credit, as defined under AMI.
3. Establish a revolving loan fund for local government to identify and plan for clean up of abandoned brownfields.

Con Argument: Among the environmental community, this type of tax credit is frowned upon because it rewards the polluter for polluting.

Pro Argument: The current brownfield cleanup program seeing limited success with fewer than 10 sites participating, so a tax credit program to encourage responsible parties engage in cleanup activities is need.

DEQ is seeking marching orders on how to respond in the hearing.

1. **(RECOMMENDED)** Take a neutral position regarding the bill until further study can be conducted.
2. Support the bill.
3. Oppose the bill.

PLEASE ADVISE.