

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2056

As Reported by House Committee On:
Agriculture & Natural Resources

Title: An act relating to recycling at official gatherings.

Brief Description: Requiring recycling receptacles at official gatherings and sports facilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Lantz, Goodman, Sells, McCoy, Hunt and Simpson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Agriculture & Natural Resources: 2/15/07, 2/22/07 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires vendors selling single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans to provide recycling receptacles or reverse vending machines and service at all official gatherings and sports facilities in communities where there is an established curbside and business recycling program.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives B. Sullivan, Chair; Blake, Vice Chair; Eickmeyer, Grant, Hailey, Kagi, Lantz, McCoy, Strow and VanDeWege.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Kretz, Ranking Minority Member; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Newhouse and Orcutt.

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

Recycling is regulated by local governments. Each county and city is required to make a comprehensive solid waste management plan that includes a recycling plan. Local governmental ordinances may require property owners and occupants of premises to use a recyclable materials collection system. The county is authorized to contract with an organization to collect recyclable materials from residences and other premises.

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The Department of Ecology (DOE) is authorized as the coordinating agency for the statewide waste reduction, anti-litter, and recycling campaign.

The Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account in the State Treasury is used by the DOE for waste reduction, litter control, and recycling activities. The DOE provides funding to local governments to establish, conduct, and evaluate programs for recycling.

Certain areas are required to have recycling receptacles. Marinas with 30 or more slips and airports providing regularly scheduled commercial passenger service must provide adequate recycling receptacles. The State Parks and Recreation Commission is required to provide waste reduction and recycling information in each state park campground and day-use area, and provide recycling receptacles in the day-use and campground areas of at least 40 state parks.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

A recycling program will be provided at every official gathering and sports facility in communities where there is an established curbside and business recycling service. Vendors selling single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans are required to provide the recycling receptacles or reverse vending machines and provide service for the transport and recycling of the materials they sell.

An official gathering is defined as any event where authorization to hold the event is approved, recognized, or issued by a government, public body, or authority, including fairs, musical concerts, athletic games, festivals, tournaments, or any other formal or ceremonial event during which beverages are sold by a vendor or vendors in single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans .

Sports facilities are defined as outdoor recreational sports facilities, including athletic fields and ball parks at which beverages are sold by a vendor or vendors in single-use aluminum, glass, or plastic bottles or cans.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

This bill requires the vendors to provide the recycling program and limits the recycling program only to official gatherings and sports facilities where vendors sell single-use beverages in plastic, aluminum, or glass containers.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Recycling at events is currently difficult. If recycling receptacles were available at these types of events, it would be so much easier for everyone to recycle their plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and other recyclable beverage containers.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Lantz, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.