SENATE BILL 6941

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By Senators Fraser, Morton, Regala, and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to a waste reduction and recycling awards program 2 in K-12 schools; and amending RCW 70.95C.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 Sec. 1. RCW 70.95C.120 and 1991 c 319 s 114 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

The office of waste reduction shall develop, in consultation with 6 7 the superintendent of public instruction, an awards program to achieve 8 waste reduction and recycling in ((the)) public schools, and to encourage waste reduction and recycling in private schools, grades 9 10 kindergarten through high school. The office shall develop guidelines for program development and implementation. Each public school shall, 11 12 and each private school may, implement a waste reduction and recycling program conforming to guidelines developed by the office. 13

For the purpose of granting awards, the office may group <u>all</u> <u>participating</u> schools into not more than three classes, based upon student population, distance to markets for recyclable materials, and other criteria, as deemed appropriate by the office. Except as otherwise provided, five or more awards shall be granted to each of the three classes. Each award shall be a sum of not less than two thousand

dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. Awards shall be granted 1 2 each year to the schools that achieve the greatest levels of waste reduction and recycling. A single award of not less than five thousand 3 dollars shall be presented to the school having the best recycling 4 program as measured by the total amount of materials recycled, 5 including materials generated outside of the school. A single award of б 7 not less than five thousand dollars shall be presented to the school having the best waste reduction program as determined by the office. 8

9 The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute 10 guidelines and other materials developed by the office to implement 11 programs to reduce and recycle waste generated in administrative 12 offices, classrooms, laboratories, cafeterias, and maintenance 13 operations.

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