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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of recycled content supplies by
2 local governments; and amending RCW 43.19A.030 and 70.95.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19A.030 and 1991 c 297 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) By January 1, 1993, each local government shall review its
7 existing procurement policies and specifications to determine whether
8 recycled products are intentionally or unintentionally excluded. The
9 policies and specifications shall be revised to include such products
10 unless a recycled content product does not meet an established
11 performance standard of the agency.

12 (2) By fiscal year 1994, each local government shall adopt a
13 minimum purchasing goal for recycled content as a percentage of the
14 total dollar value of supplies purchased. To assist in achieving this
15 goal each local government shall adopt a strategy by January 1, 1993,
16 and shall submit a description of the strategy to the department. The
17 department shall report to the appropriate standing committees of the
18 legislature by October 1, 1993, on the progress of implementation by
19 local governments, and shall thereafter periodically report on the

1 progress of recycled product purchasing by state and other public
2 agencies. All public agencies shall respond to requests for
3 information from the department for the purpose of its reporting
4 requirements under this section.

5 (3) Each local government shall designate a procurement officer who
6 shall serve as the primary contact with the department for compliance
7 with the requirements of this chapter.

8 (4) Each local government shall establish goals to procure
9 recycled content supplies in percentages equivalent to the recovery
10 rate goals established in the local government's recycling element of
11 the comprehensive solid waste management plan adopted under RCW
12 70.95.090(7)(d). The department of general administration shall
13 randomly survey county and city governments to review the achievement
14 of goals.

15 (5) This section shall apply only to local governments with
16 expenditures for supplies exceeding five hundred thousand dollars for
17 fiscal year 1989. Expenditures for capital goods and for electricity,
18 water, or gas for resale shall not be considered a supply expenditure.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95.090 and 1991 c 298 s 3 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Each county and city comprehensive solid waste management plan
22 shall include the following:

23 (1) A detailed inventory and description of all existing solid
24 waste handling facilities including an inventory of any deficiencies in
25 meeting current solid waste handling needs.

26 (2) The estimated long-range needs for solid waste handling
27 facilities projected twenty years into the future.

28 (3) A program for the orderly development of solid waste handling
29 facilities in a manner consistent with the plans for the entire county
30 which shall:

31 (a) Meet the minimum functional standards for solid waste handling
32 adopted by the department and all laws and regulations relating to air
33 and water pollution, fire prevention, flood control, and protection of
34 public health;

35 (b) Take into account the comprehensive land use plan of each
36 jurisdiction;

37 (c) Contain a six year construction and capital acquisition program
38 for solid waste handling facilities; and

1 (d) Contain a plan for financing both capital costs and operational
2 expenditures of the proposed solid waste management system.

3 (4) A program for surveillance and control.

4 (5) A current inventory and description of solid waste collection
5 needs and operations within each respective jurisdiction which shall
6 include:

7 (a) Any franchise for solid waste collection granted by the
8 utilities and transportation commission in the respective jurisdictions
9 including the name of the holder of the franchise and the address of
10 his or her place of business and the area covered by the franchise;

11 (b) Any city solid waste operation within the county and the
12 boundaries of such operation;

13 (c) The population density of each area serviced by a city
14 operation or by a franchised operation within the respective
15 jurisdictions;

16 (d) The projected solid waste collection needs for the respective
17 jurisdictions for the next six years.

18 (6) A comprehensive waste reduction and recycling element that, in
19 accordance with the priorities established in RCW 70.95.010, provides
20 programs that (a) reduce the amount of waste generated, (b) provide
21 incentives and mechanisms for source separation, and (c) establish
22 recycling opportunities for the source separated waste.

23 (7) The waste reduction and recycling element shall include the
24 following:

25 (a) Waste reduction strategies;

26 (b) Source separation strategies, including:

27 (i) Programs for the collection of source separated materials from
28 residences in urban and rural areas. In urban areas, these programs
29 shall include collection of source separated recyclable materials from
30 single and multiple family residences, unless the department approves
31 an alternative program, according to the criteria in the planning
32 guidelines. Such criteria shall include: Anticipated recovery rates
33 and levels of public participation, availability of environmentally
34 sound disposal capacity, access to markets for recyclable materials,
35 unreasonable cost impacts on the ratepayer over the six-year planning
36 period, utilization of environmentally sound waste reduction and
37 recycling technologies, and other factors as appropriate. In rural
38 areas, these programs shall include but not be limited to drop-off
39 boxes, buy-back centers, or a combination of both, at each solid waste

1 transfer, processing, or disposal site, or at locations convenient to
2 the residents of the county. The drop-off boxes and buy-back centers
3 may be owned or operated by public, nonprofit, or private persons;

4 (ii) Programs to monitor the collection of source separated waste
5 at nonresidential sites where there is sufficient density to sustain a
6 program;

7 (iii) Programs to collect yard waste, if the county or city
8 submitting the plan finds that there are adequate markets or capacity
9 for composted yard waste within or near the service area to consume the
10 majority of the material collected; and

11 (iv) Programs to educate and promote the concepts of waste
12 reduction and recycling;

13 (c) Recycling strategies, including a description of markets for
14 recyclables, a review of waste generation trends, a description of
15 waste composition, a discussion and description of existing programs
16 and any additional programs needed to assist public and private sector
17 recycling, and an implementation schedule for the designation of
18 specific materials to be collected for recycling, and for the provision
19 of recycling collection services;

20 (d) Recovery rate goals to procure recycled content supplies;

21 (e) Other information the county or city submitting the plan
22 determines is necessary.

23 (8) An assessment of the plan's impact on the costs of solid waste
24 collection. The assessment shall be prepared in conformance with
25 guidelines established by the utilities and transportation commission.
26 The commission shall cooperate with the Washington state association of
27 counties and the association of Washington cities in establishing such
28 guidelines.

29 (9) A review of potential areas that meet the criteria as outlined
30 in RCW 70.95.165.

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