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Creating positions at procurement office for recycled products.

Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

Chapter 43.19 ACW was created in 1991 to increase the procurement of recycled products by all state and local government agencies and public schools. It designates the SEPA 'recycled product standards' as the minimum Washington standards.

The Department of General Administration prepared a strategy to increase purchases of recycled-content products by state agencies, including education institutions. General Administration also required to develop a database available to agencies for recycled-content purchases from a vendor that supplies such products.

Local governments are required to review existing procurement policies and must revise policies to meet an established performance standard for recycled product procurement developed by the Department of General Administration.

SUMMARY:

The director of General Administration is authorized to designate a procurement officer that monitors recycled product procurement by the department and state agencies. Included are the officer's responsibilities are:

- Preparing a biennial report to the Legislature on the progress in implementing recycled product procurement standards and the progress made by state agencies in recycled product purchasing. The first report is due January 2001 and the last is due July, 2011.
- Researching recycled products and recycled product performance which is used to update the database of products and vendors that recycled-content products.
- Contacting local procurement officials and assisting them to review and revise their recycled product purchasing standards to meet or exceed those standards.

The time for local government (with expenditures up to \$500,000 for fiscal year 1989) to review the existing procurement policies and specifications is by January 2001.

The fiscal year in which local governments adopt a minimum purchase order for recycled items is fiscal year 2002. However, the deadline for local governments to adopt a strategy to achieve a minimum purchase order which must be submitted to the state procurement office is by January 2001.

Altering the effective dates of the new reports to be submitted to local governments that qualify for the supply expenditure.

FISCANOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session which it is passed.