
HOUSE BILL 2149

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By Representative Braddock.

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1 AN ACT Relating to waste management, reduction, and recycling;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.21A RCW; creating a new section; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the express purpose of the
6 legislature to accomplish effective waste management and to encourage
7 public participation and comprehensive local planning in efforts toward
8 achieving environmentally aware and sensitive communities.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The environmental excellence award grant program is hereby
12 established. The department of ecology shall develop and implement the
13 environmental excellence award grant program that recognizes any

1 organization, public or private, that conducts itself in a manner that
2 helps to ensure environmental protection.

3 (2) Award grants shall recognize achievements in the design and
4 implementation of programs involving the following areas:

5 (a) Packaging and precycling; including but not limited to the
6 production and consumption of goods that are manufactured with the
7 purpose of reuse and longevity and are packaged in packaging materials
8 meeting the requirements of section 109, chapter ... (House Bill No.
9 1459), Laws of 1991;

10 (b) Recycling;

11 (c) Overall waste management and reduction; and

12 (d) Education; including public education programs implemented with
13 the purpose of creating community-based knowledge of ways to ensure
14 environmental protection.

15 (3) The department of ecology shall accept nominations for the
16 environmental award grants. All organizations nominated shall be
17 considered. Organizations not nominated may be awarded grants if the
18 department finds the organization worthy of the environmental
19 excellence award grant. The department shall form an advisory
20 committee to assist in the selection of candidates and the making of
21 decisions regarding the award grants.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
23 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
24 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the department of
25 ecology for the purposes of implementing and funding the environmental
26 excellence award grant program under section 2 of this act.