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By Senators Sheldon, Morton, Drew and Fraser

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1            AN ACT Relating to procurement of products containing recycled  
2 material; and amending RCW 43.19.538.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.538 and 1991 c 297 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The director of general administration, through the state  
7 purchasing director, shall develop specifications and adopt rules for  
8 the purchase of products which will provide for preferential purchase  
9 of products containing recycled material by:

10            (a) The use of a weighting factor determined by the amount of  
11 recycled material in a product, which shall provide for minimum  
12 preference equal to ten percent of the total bid amount; and

13            (b) The use of a weighting factor based upon the savings in  
14 disposal costs realized through diversion of such materials from  
15 disposal within the state of Washington. This weighting factor is in  
16 addition to the weighting factor established under (a) of this  
17 subsection. The department shall consult with the department of  
18 ecology and other state agencies and institutions of higher education,  
19 as appropriate, to develop a method for quantifying the cost savings.

1 In implementing the provisions in this subsection (1)(b), the  
2 department shall require the bidder to certify what percentage of the  
3 materials in the recycled content product were obtained from within the  
4 state.

5 The weighting factors shall be used, where appropriate and known in  
6 advance to potential bidders, to determine the lowest responsible  
7 bidder. The actual dollars bid shall be the contracted amount. If the  
8 department determines, according to criteria established by rule that  
9 the use of (~~this~~) weighting factors in this section does not  
10 encourage the use of more recycled material, the department shall  
11 consider and award bids without regard to the weighting factors. In  
12 making this determination, the department shall consider but not be  
13 limited to such factors as adequate competition, economics or  
14 environmental constraints, quality, and availability.

15 (~~(b)~~) (c) Requiring a written statement of the percentage range  
16 of recycled content from the bidder providing products containing  
17 recycled (~~material~~) material. The range may be stated in five  
18 percent increments.

19 (2) The director shall develop a directory of businesses that  
20 supply products containing significant quantities of recycled  
21 materials. This directory may be combined with and made accessible  
22 through the data base of recycled content products to be developed  
23 under RCW 43.19A.060.

24 (3) The director shall encourage all parties using the state  
25 purchasing office to purchase products containing recycled materials.

26 (4) The rules, specifications, and bid evaluation shall be  
27 consistent with recycled content standards adopted under RCW  
28 43.19A.020.

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