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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5433**

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**By** Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources  
(originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Rasmussen)

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1            AN ACT Relating to solid waste management plans; amending RCW  
2 70.95.090; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
5 county and city solid waste management plans incorporate a program for  
6 the safe handling of biomedical waste on the next scheduled revision or  
7 update of the solid waste management plan.

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

10           Each county and city comprehensive solid waste management plan  
11 shall include the following:

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

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

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

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

8 (b) Take into account the comprehensive land use plan of each  
9 jurisdiction;

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

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

14 (4) A program for the safe handling, transport, and disposal of  
15 biomedical waste, as defined in RCW 70.95K.010. The program shall  
16 specify how biomedical waste will be segregated from other solid waste.

17 (5) A program for surveillance and control.

18 ((+5)) (6) A current inventory and description of solid waste  
19 collection needs and operations within each respective jurisdiction  
20 which shall include:

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

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

27 (c) The population density of each area serviced by a city  
28 operation or by a franchised operation within the respective  
29 jurisdictions;

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

32 ((+6)) (7) A comprehensive waste reduction and recycling element  
33 that, in accordance with the priorities established in RCW 70.95.010,  
34 provides programs that (a) reduce the amount of waste generated, (b)  
35 provide incentives and mechanisms for source separation, and (c)  
36 establish recycling opportunities for the source separated waste.

37 ((+7)) (8) The waste reduction and recycling element shall include  
38 the following:

39 (a) Waste reduction strategies;

1 (b) Source separation strategies, including:

2 (i) Programs for the collection of source separated materials from  
3 residences in urban and rural areas. In urban areas, these programs  
4 shall include collection of source separated recyclable materials from  
5 single and multiple family residences, unless the department approves  
6 an alternative program, according to the criteria in the planning  
7 guidelines. Such criteria shall include: Anticipated recovery rates  
8 and levels of public participation, availability of environmentally  
9 sound disposal capacity, access to markets for recyclable materials,  
10 unreasonable cost impacts on the ratepayer over the six-year planning  
11 period, utilization of environmentally sound waste reduction and  
12 recycling technologies, and other factors as appropriate. In rural  
13 areas, these programs shall include but not be limited to drop-off  
14 boxes, buy-back centers, or a combination of both, at each solid waste  
15 transfer, processing, or disposal site, or at locations convenient to  
16 the residents of the county. The drop-off boxes and buy-back centers  
17 may be owned or operated by public, nonprofit, or private persons;

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

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

25 (iv) Programs to educate and promote the concepts of waste  
26 reduction and recycling;

27 (c) Recycling strategies, including a description of markets for  
28 recyclables, a review of waste generation trends, a description of  
29 waste composition, a discussion and description of existing programs  
30 and any additional programs needed to assist public and private sector  
31 recycling, and an implementation schedule for the designation of  
32 specific materials to be collected for recycling, and for the provision  
33 of recycling collection services;

34 (d) Other information the county or city submitting the plan  
35 determines is necessary.

36 ((+8+)) (9) An assessment of the plan's impact on the costs of  
37 solid waste collection. The assessment shall be prepared in  
38 conformance with guidelines established by the utilities and  
39 transportation commission. The commission shall cooperate with the

1 Washington state association of counties and the association of  
2 Washington cities in establishing such guidelines.  
3       (~~(9)~~) (10) A review of potential areas that meet the criteria as  
4 outlined in RCW 70.95.165.

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