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Sponsor(s): Senators Eide, Morton, Keiser, Winsley and Fraser

Brief Description: Encouraging recycling and waste reduction.

SB 6480 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/02)

Directs the department of general administration to work with commercial and industrial construction industry organizations to develop guidelines for implementing on-site construction waste management planning.

Declares it is the state's goal that programs be established to eliminate residential or commercial yard debris in landfills by 2012 in those areas where alternatives to disposal are readily available and effective.

Authorizes the commission to allow solid waste collection companies collecting recyclable materials to retain up to thirty percent of the revenue paid to the companies for the material if the companies submit a plan to the commission that is certified by the appropriate local government authority as being consistent with the local government solid waste plan and that demonstrates how the revenues will be used to increase recycling. The remaining revenue shall be passed to residential customers.

Provides that, by December 2, 2005, the commission shall provide a report to the legislature that evaluates:

(1) The effectiveness of revenue sharing as an incentive to increase recycling in the state; and

(2) The effect of revenue sharing on costs to customers.

Directs the department of ecology to designate a portion of the responsibilities of existing staff to investigate and draw conclusions by December 31, 2002, on the following:

(1) The use of scrap tires as alternative daily cover for landfills;

(2) The feasibility of establishing and maintaining an incentive program for market development for scrap tires.

Requires the department of ecology, in conjunction with the appropriate private sector stakeholders, to track and report annually to the legislature the total increase or reduction of tire recycling or reuse rates in the state for each calendar year and for the cumulative calendar years from the effective date of this act.