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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooper, Campbell, Hunt, Romero, O'Brien, Chase, Sullivan, Ruderman, Dunshee, Wood and Dickerson)

Brief Description: Requiring electronic product management. Revised for 1st Substitute: Requiring electronic product management. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Developing an electronic product management program.)

**HB 2488-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the solid waste advisory committee created under RCW 70.95.040, to conduct research and develop recommendations for implementing and financing an electronic product collection, recycling, and reuse program. The department and the solid waste advisory committee shall consult with stakeholders including persons who represent covered electronic product manufacturers, covered electronic product retailers, waste haulers, electronics recyclers, charities, cities, counties, environmental organizations, public interest organizations, and other interested parties that have a role or interest in the collection, reuse, and recycling of covered electronic products.

Directs the department to identify and evaluate existing projects and encourage new pilot projects for covered electronic product collection, recycling, and reuse that allow for new information to be obtained.

Provides that, in evaluating new and existing projects, factors to be considered include: (1) Urban versus rural recycling challenges and issues;

(2) The involvement of covered electronic product manufacturers;

(3) Different methods of financing the collection, reuse, and recycling programs for covered electronic products;

(4) The impact of the approach on local governments, nonprofit organizations, waste haulers, and other stakeholders;

(5) How to address historic and orphan waste; and

(6) The effect of landfill bans on collection and recovery of covered electronic products.

Requires the department to report its findings and recommendations for implementing and financing an electronic product collection, recycling, and reuse program to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 15, 2004, and December 15, 2005.