

HB 1464-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/28/2007)

Finds that the adoption of practices to select, procure, and use environmentally preferred products will benefit the environment and the health and safety of workers and visitors to state facilities.

Provides that all state agencies that purchase cleaning products or services must ensure that cleaning products have properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment consistent with maintenance of the effectiveness of these products for the protection of public health and safety. For purposes of this act, "state agency" means any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other agency of the state of Washington or of any subdivision thereof.

Directs the department of general administration, in consultation with the department of health and the department of ecology, to consider nationally recognized accrediting information and provide consultation and guidance to state agencies to:

(1) Select and procure products and use practices that reduce or minimize the risks of harmful effects to employees, custodial workers, visitors, and other building occupants and to the environment;

(2) Promote adoption of practices endorsed by this act;

(3) Recognize state agencies that adopt and implement environmentally beneficial facility and workplace management policies and practices;

(4) Encourage contractors supplying goods and services to state agencies to select and procure such products; and

(5) Encourage lessors and building managers who provide leased space to state agencies to select and procure such products.

Requires the department of general administration, upon renewal of a lease and for all new leases, to require lessors and building managers who provide leased space to state agencies to use environmentally preferred products and practices.