
HOUSE BILL 3099

State of Washington

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By Representative Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of recycling receptacles
2 in public places; adding a new section to chapter 70.93 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that recycling is an
6 important sector of the nation's economy. The United States recycling
7 information study found that recycling in the United States accounts
8 for fifty-six thousand establishments that have over one million
9 employees, with a total of thirty-seven billion dollars in payroll, all
10 of which generate two hundred thirty-six billion dollars in revenue.

11 The legislature further finds that the increased mobility of, and
12 number of, Washington state residents calls for an increase in
13 available recycling receptacles.

14 The legislature further finds that there is a need to conserve
15 energy and natural resources and the recycling of litter materials will
16 serve to accomplish that conservation.

17 The legislature further finds that the high quantity of litter
18 discarded in this state creates a public health hazard, which could be
19 alleviated by increased recycling.

1 The legislature further finds that the presence of recycling
2 receptacles prompts individuals to recycle items such as paper and
3 plastic bottles rather than throw them away.

4 Therefore, the purpose of this act is to promote public recycling
5 and prevent unnecessary waste of recyclable materials.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.93 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 In communities where there is an established curbside service and
9 where recycling service is available to businesses, a recycling program
10 must be provided in the same place and the same quantities wherever
11 solid waste or litter receptacles are located, including the locations
12 required in WAC 173-310-040 and 173-310-050. A recycling program
13 includes provision of receptacles or reverse vending machines, and
14 provisions to transport and recycle the collected materials. The
15 recycling receptacles or reverse vending machines must be clearly
16 marked and must be provided for aluminum, paper, and plastic.

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