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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental standards of paper products for
2 printers and copiers that are purchased by the state, for state
3 agencies; amending RCW 43.19A.022; reenacting and amending RCW
4 43.19A.010; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are
7 environmental advantages to having state agencies purchase paper that
8 is produced in a manner that reduces carbon dioxide to combat climate
9 change.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.19A.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 250 are each
11 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 ((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the)) The
13 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the
14 context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (1) "Biosolids" means municipal sewage sludge or septic tank
16 septage sludge that meets the requirements of chapter ((70.95J))
17 70A.226 RCW.

18 (2) "Compost products" means mulch, soil amendments, ground
19 cover, or other landscaping material derived from the biological or

1 mechanical conversion of biosolids or cellulose-containing waste
2 materials.

3 (3) "Department" means the department of enterprise services.

4 (4) "Director" means the director of the department of enterprise
5 services.

6 (5) "Local government" means a city, town, county, special
7 purpose district, school district, or other municipal corporation.

8 (6) "Lubricating oil" means petroleum-based oils for reducing
9 friction in engine parts and other mechanical parts.

10 (7) "Mixed waste paper" means assorted low-value grades of paper
11 that have not been separated into individual grades of paper at the
12 point of collection.

13 (8) "Municipal sewage sludge" means a semisolid substance
14 consisting of settled sewage solids combined with varying amounts of
15 water and dissolved materials generated from a publicly owned
16 wastewater treatment plant.

17 (9) "Paper and paper products" means all items manufactured from
18 paper or paperboard.

19 (10) "Postconsumer waste" means a material or product that has
20 served its intended use and has been discarded for disposal or
21 recovery by a final consumer.

22 (11) "Procurement officer" means the person that has the primary
23 responsibility for procurement of materials or products.

24 (12) "Recycled content product" or "recycled product" means a
25 product containing recycled materials.

26 (13) "Recycled materials" means waste materials and by-products
27 that have been recovered or diverted from solid waste and that can be
28 utilized in place of a raw or virgin material in manufacturing a
29 product and consists of materials derived from postconsumer waste,
30 manufacturing waste, industrial scrap, agricultural wastes, and other
31 items, all of which can be used in the manufacture of new or recycled
32 products.

33 (14) "Re-refined oils" means used lubricating oils from which the
34 physical and chemical contaminants acquired through previous use have
35 been removed through a refining process. Re-refining may include
36 distillation, hydrotreating, or treatments employing acid, caustic,
37 solvent, clay, or other chemicals, or other physical treatments other
38 than those used in reclaiming.

39 (15) "Standard copy paper" means paper that emits 1,186 kilograms
40 of carbon dioxide per metric ton of paper produced.

1 (16) "State agency" means all units of state government,
2 including divisions of the governor's office, the legislature, the
3 judiciary, state agencies and departments, correctional institutions,
4 vocational technical institutions, and universities and colleges.

5 ~~((16))~~ (17) "USEPA product standards" means the product
6 standards of the United States environmental protection agency for
7 recycled content published in the Code of Federal Regulations.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.19A.022 and 2015 c 225 s 71 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) ~~((All))~~ By July 1, 2023, all state agencies shall purchase
11 one hundred percent recycled content white cut sheet bond paper or
12 paper produced in a process that yields at least 40 percent less
13 carbon dioxide than standard copy paper, which constitutes a
14 substantial reduction in carbon dioxide, used in office printers and
15 copiers. State agencies are encouraged to give priority to purchasing
16 from companies that produce paper in facilities that generate energy
17 from a renewable energy source.

18 (2) State agencies that utilize office printers and copiers that,
19 after reasonable attempts, cannot be calibrated to utilize such paper
20 referenced in subsection (1) of this section, must for those models
21 of equipment:

22 (a) Purchase paper at the highest recycled content or produced in
23 a process that yields a high reduction in carbon dioxide that can be
24 utilized efficiently by the copier or printer;

25 (b) At the time of lease renewal or at the end of the life cycle,
26 either lease or purchase a model that will efficiently utilize one
27 hundred percent recycled content white cut sheet bond paper or paper
28 produced in a process that yields at least 40 percent less carbon
29 dioxide than standard copy paper.

30 (3) Printed projects that require the use of high volume
31 production inserters or high-speed digital devices, such as those
32 used by the department of enterprise services, are not required to
33 meet the one hundred percent recycled content ~~((white cut sheet bond~~
34 ~~paper standard))~~ requirement or requirement of being made in a
35 process that yields at least a 40 percent reduction in carbon dioxide
36 than standard copy paper, but must utilize the highest recycled
37 content or a high reduction in carbon dioxide that can be utilized
38 efficiently by such equipment and not impede the business of
39 agencies.

1 (4) The department of enterprise services shall identify for use
2 by agencies paper products that are one hundred percent recycled
3 (~~paper products that~~) or produced in a process that yields at least
4 40 percent less carbon dioxide than standard copy paper and process
5 efficiently through high-speed production equipment and do not impede
6 the business of agencies.

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