

2SHB 1131 - H AMD 192

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1 On page 33, beginning on line 4, after "must" strike all
2 material through "rule." on line 22 and insert ", after consulting
3 with stakeholders, assess the alternative recycling process compared
4 to the impacts of incineration and landfill disposal of solid waste.
5 In conducting its evaluation, the department shall consider the
6 following environmental impacts:

7 (i) Air and water pollution and release or creation of any
8 hazardous pollutants;

9 (ii) Energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions;

10 (iii) Generation of hazardous waste;

11 (iv) Environmental impacts on overburdened communities and
12 vulnerable populations;

13 (v) Water usage including, but not limited to, impacts to local
14 water resources and sewage infrastructure;

15 (vi) Impact on the ability of material to be recycled into
16 feedstock for the manufacture of new products; and

17 (vii) Opportunity for the alternative process to increase the
18 amount and availability of recycled plastic for food and
19 pharmaceutical grade applications."
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21 On page 33, line 26, after "assessment" strike all material
22 through "(d)" on line 31 and insert ". The assessment must include
23 information on the required federal, state, and local air, water,
24 hazardous waste, or other permitting requirements that would govern
25 the operation of any alternative recycling process facility
26 operating in the state.

27 (c)"

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Ecology's assessment of alternative recycling processes for the conversion of post-use plastic polymers to: (a) compare the environmental impacts relative to incineration and landfill disposal of the material as solid waste, rather than compared to the environmental impacts from mechanical recycling; (b) consider the ability of the material to be recycled into feedstock for the manufacture of new processes and to consider the opportunity of the new process to make recycled plastic available for food and pharmaceutical grade applications; and (c) include information on required federal, state, and local environmental permits that would govern the operation of any alternative recycling process facility operating in Washington. Eliminates the prohibition on certain persons with an interest in recycling facilities from being eligible to carry out the third-party assessment.

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