

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2039

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*As Passed House  
March 19, 1991*

**Title:** An act relating to the building code council.

**Brief Description:** Implementing space allocation standards for collection of solid waste and recyclable materials.

**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Sprenkle, D. Sommers, Horn, Brekke, Anderson, Rust, Pruitt and Valle.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Environmental Affairs, March 1, 1991, DP;  
Passed House, March 19, 1991, 97-1.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass.* Signed by 11 members:  
Representatives Rust, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Horn,  
Ranking Minority Member; Edmondson, Assistant Ranking  
Minority Member; Bray; Brekke; G. Fisher; Neher; Phillips;  
Pruitt; and Sprenkle.

**Minority Report:** *Do not pass.* Signed by 1 member:  
Representative Van Luven.

**Staff:** Rick Anderson (786-7110).

**Background:** Efforts to collect recyclables from multi-family residences and commercial facilities have often been stymied due to lack of space for internal and external recycling receptacles. Lack of sufficient space has made efficient garbage collection a problem at such facilities.

A number of cities across the nation are in the process of adopting "space allocation" ordinances requiring new multi-family and commercial buildings to provide for sufficient internal and external space for recycling and garbage receptacles.

**Summary of Bill:** The state building code council is directed to adopt space allocation standards for all new multi-family and residential construction by July 1, 1992.

Within multi-family residences, the standards are to provide a minimum of 2.5 cubic feet for recycling receptacles and 2.5 cubic feet for garbage receptacles. Exterior space requirements are not specified but must provide for adequate space and convenient collection for recyclables and garbage.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested February 25, 1991.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill will facilitate recycling and trash collection in new apartments and commercial buildings.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Ray Hoffman, City Recycling Planner, Seattle Solid Waste (pro); John P. Jones, Washington Waste Management Association (pro); and Mike Todd, Pacific Energy Institute (pro).