

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5478

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES,
FEBRUARY 28, 1991

Brief Description: Authorizing additional curbside recycling.

SPONSORS: Senators Conner and Wojahn.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5478 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Metcalf, Chairman; Oke, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Conner, Owen, Snyder, and Sutherland.

Staff: Atsushi Kiuchi (786-7708)

Hearing Dates: February 11, 1991; February 28, 1991

BACKGROUND:

The "Waste Not Washington" Act of 1989 directed the state towards reducing its solid waste stream through comprehensive programs of waste reduction and recycling.

A major part of the program is curbside, residential collection of recyclables.

SUMMARY:

An entity providing curbside recycling services shall ensure that each unit in a multiple dwelling unit has access to recycling containers.

Recycling containers will be available to each unit on the basis of at least one container for every eight units in the multiple dwelling.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

The waste reduction and recycling element in the comprehensive solid waste plans prepared by local governments shall include provisions for providing recycling services to multiple family dwellings. Each resident shall have access to recycling containers.

The submittal of plans for providing curbside, residential, recycling service in multiple family dwellings shall be submitted no later than July 1, 1992, by local governments in class one areas.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested February 9, 1991

TESTIMONY FOR:

In some cities, adequate curbside residential recycling service is not available for people living in multiple family dwellings.

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

The bill affects only refuse collectors operating under a Utilities and Transportation Commission permit. Local governments that collect refuse are exempt from the provisions of this act.

TESTIFIED: Senator Paul Conner (pro); J.P. Jones, Washington Waste Management Association (con)