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By Representative Chandler

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1 AN ACT Relating to litter; and amending RCW 70.93.010, 70.93.020,
2 70.93.180, and 82.19.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.93.010 and 1992 c 175 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds:

7 (a) Washington state is experiencing rapid population growth and
8 its citizens are increasingly mobile;

9 (b) There is a fundamental need for a healthful, clean, and
10 beautiful environment;

11 (c) The proliferation and accumulation of litter discarded
12 throughout this state impairs this need and constitutes a public health
13 hazard;

14 (d) There is a need to conserve energy and natural resources, and
15 the effective litter control and recovery and recycling of litter
16 materials will serve to accomplish such conservation; and

17 (e) In addition to effective litter control, there must be
18 effective programs to accomplish waste reduction, the state's highest
19 waste management priority(~~and~~

1 ~~(f) There must also be effective systems to accomplish all~~
2 ~~components of recycling, including collection, processing, and the~~
3 ~~marketing of recyclable materials and recycled content products)).~~

4 (2) Recognizing the multifaceted nature of the state's solid waste
5 management problems, the legislation enacted in 1971 and entitled the
6 "Model Litter Control and Recycling Act" is hereby renamed the "waste
7 reduction, recycling, and model litter control act."

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.93.020 and 1992 c 175 s 2 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 The purpose of this chapter is to accomplish litter control,
11 increase waste reduction, and stimulate all components of recycling
12 throughout this state by delegating to the department of ecology the
13 authority to:

14 (1) Conduct a permanent and continuous program to control and
15 remove litter from this state to the maximum practical extent possible;

16 (2) Recover and recycle waste materials related to litter and
17 littering;

18 (3) Foster public and private recycling of recyclable materials;
19 and

20 (4) Increase public awareness of the need for waste reduction,
21 recycling, and litter control.

22 ~~((It is further the intent and purpose of this chapter to promote~~
23 ~~markets for recyclable materials through programs of the clean~~
24 ~~Washington center and other means.))~~

25 It is further the intent and purpose of this chapter to create jobs
26 for employment of youth in litter cleanup and related activities and to
27 stimulate and encourage small, private recycling centers. This program
28 shall include the compatible goal of recovery of recyclable materials
29 to conserve energy and natural resources wherever practicable. Every
30 other department of state government and all local governmental units
31 and agencies of this state shall cooperate with the department of
32 ecology in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. The
33 intent of this chapter is to add to and to coordinate existing
34 recycling and litter control and removal efforts and not terminate or
35 supplant such efforts.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.93.180 and 1992 c 175 s 8 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 (1) There is hereby created an account within the state treasury to
2 be known as the "waste reduction, recycling, and litter control
3 account". Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
4 After June 30, 1997, expenditures from the waste reduction, recycling,
5 and litter control account shall be used as follows:

6 (a) ~~((From July 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993, funds shall be used for
7 programs to: Control litter; encourage recycling; develop markets for
8 recyclable materials; and enforce compliance with the litter tax
9 imposed in RCW 82.19.010.~~

10 (b) ~~After June 30, 1993, funds shall be used as follows:~~

11 (i)) ~~Not less than forty percent nor more than fifty percent for
12 a litter patrol program to employ youth from the state to remove litter
13 from places and areas that are most visible to the public ((and to
14 enforce compliance with the litter tax imposed in RCW 82.19.010));~~

15 (b) Not less than thirty percent nor more than forty percent for
16 grants to local governments for litter cleanup under RCW 70.93.250;
17 ~~((and~~

18 (ii)) (c) Not ((more than sixty)) less than fifteen percent nor
19 more than thirty percent for the following purposes:

20 (i) Public education and awareness programs to reduce waste,
21 increase recycling, and to control litter; ~~((programs to promote public
22 education and awareness of the model litter control and recycling act;
23 programs to foster private local recycling efforts, encourage
24 recycling, and develop markets for recyclable materials)) and~~

25 (ii) Biennial litter surveys and periodic waste audits; and

26 (d) To increase compliance with the litter tax imposed in RCW
27 82.19.010.

28 (2) All taxes imposed in RCW 82.19.010 and fines and bail
29 forfeitures collected or received pursuant to this chapter shall be
30 deposited in the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account
31 and used for the programs under subsection (1) of this section(~~(, and~~
32 ~~except as required to be otherwise distributed under RCW 70.93.070)).~~

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.19.010 and 1992 c 175 s 3 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 In addition to any other taxes, there is hereby levied and there
36 shall be collected by the department of revenue from every person for
37 the privilege of engaging within this state in business as a
38 manufacturer, as a wholesaler, or as a retailer, ~~((an annual)) a~~

1 quarterly litter tax equal to the value of products listed in RCW
2 82.19.020, including byproducts, manufactured within this state,
3 multiplied by fifteen one-thousandths of one percent in the case of
4 manufacturers, and equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the products
5 listed in RCW 82.19.020 that are sold within this state multiplied by
6 fifteen one-thousandths of one percent in the case of wholesalers and
7 retailers.

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