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By Senators Oke and Fraser; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to the clean Washington center; amending RCW
2 70.95H.900, 70.95H.005, and 70.95H.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.95H.900 and 1991 c 319 s 209 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The center shall terminate on June 30, (~~1997~~) 2001.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95H.005 and 1991 c 319 s 201 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that:

10 (a) Recycling conserves energy and landfill space, provides jobs
11 and valuable feedstock materials to industry, and promotes health and
12 environmental protection;

13 (b) Seventy-eight percent of the citizens of the state actively
14 participate in recycling programs and Washington currently has the
15 highest recycling rate in the nation;

16 (c) The current supply of many recycled commodities far exceeds the
17 demand for such commodities;

1 (d) Many local governments and private entities cumulatively
2 affect, and are affected by, the market for recycled commodities but
3 have limited jurisdiction and cannot adequately address the problems of
4 market development that are complex, wide-ranging, and regional in
5 nature; and

6 (e) The private sector has the greatest capacity for creating and
7 expanding markets for recycled commodities, and the development of
8 private markets for recycled commodities is in the public interest.

9 (2) Based on the state's recycling experience and the findings and
10 recommendations of the 1996 future of recycling task force, the
11 legislature finds that:

12 (a) Washington state has made recycling a long-term strategy for
13 resource conservation and solid waste management;

14 (b) It is the state's policy to integrate waste reduction with
15 recycling in carrying out this strategy; and

16 (c) Market development for recycled materials is essential to the
17 success of this strategy, and the state has an ongoing role and
18 commitment in assisting with the development of markets.

19 (3) It is therefore the policy of the state to create a single
20 entity to be known as the clean Washington center to develop new, and
21 expand existing, markets for recycled commodities.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.95H.030 and 1992 c 131 s 2 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 The center shall:

25 (1) Provide targeted business assistance to recycling businesses,
26 including:

27 (a) Development of business plans;

28 (b) Market research and planning information;

29 (c) Access to financing programs;

30 (d) Referral and information on market conditions; and

31 (e) Information on new technology and product development;

32 (2) Negotiate voluntary agreements with manufacturers to increase
33 the use of recycled materials in product development;

34 (3) Support and provide research and development to stimulate and
35 commercialize new and existing technologies and products using recycled
36 materials;

1 (4) Undertake an integrated, comprehensive education effort
2 directed to recycling businesses to promote processing, manufacturing,
3 and purchase of recycled products, including:

4 (a) Provide information to recycling businesses on the availability
5 and benefits of using recycled materials;

6 (b) Provide information and referral services on recycled material
7 markets;

8 (c) Provide information on new research and technologies that may
9 be used by local businesses and governments; and

10 (d) Participate in projects to demonstrate new market uses or
11 applications for recycled products;

12 (5) Assist the departments of ecology and general administration in
13 the development of consistent definitions and standards on recycled
14 content, product performance, and availability;

15 (6) Undertake studies on the unmet capital needs of reprocessing
16 and manufacturing firms using recycled materials;

17 (7) Undertake and participate in marketing promotions for the
18 purposes of achieving expanded market penetration for recycled content
19 products;

20 (8) Coordinate with the department of ecology to ensure that the
21 education programs of both are mutually reinforcing, with the center
22 acting as the lead entity with respect to recycling businesses, and the
23 department as the lead entity with respect to the general public and
24 retailers;

25 (9) Develop an annual work plan. The plan shall describe actions
26 and recommendations for developing markets for commodities comprising
27 a significant percentage of the waste stream and having potential for
28 use as an industrial or commercial feedstock. The initial plan shall
29 address, but not be limited to, mixed waste paper, waste tires, yard
30 and food waste, and plastics; ((and))

31 (10) Represent the state in regional and national market
32 development issues; and

33 (11) Implement the market development recommendations of the 1996
34 future of recycling task force report which includes:

35 (a) Researching new technologies and best management practices for
36 using recycled materials;

37 (b) Working with local government economic development agencies on
38 market development initiatives; and

39 (c) Enhancing waste prevention and product design for recycling.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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