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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5433

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By Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources  
(originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Rasmussen)

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1            AN ACT Relating to solid waste management plans; amending RCW  
2 70.95.090; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
5 county and city solid waste management plans incorporate a program for  
6 the safe handling of biomedical waste on the next scheduled revision or  
7 update of the solid waste management plan.

8            **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95.090 and 1991 c 298 s 3 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10           Each county and city comprehensive solid waste management plan  
11 shall include the following:

12           (1) A detailed inventory and description of all existing solid  
13 waste handling facilities including an inventory of any deficiencies in  
14 meeting current solid waste handling needs.

15           (2) The estimated long-range needs for solid waste handling  
16 facilities projected twenty years into the future.

1 (3) A program for the orderly development of solid waste handling  
2 facilities in a manner consistent with the plans for the entire county  
3 which shall:

4 (a) Meet the minimum functional standards for solid waste handling  
5 adopted by the department and all laws and regulations relating to air  
6 and water pollution, fire prevention, flood control, and protection of  
7 public health;

8 (b) Take into account the comprehensive land use plan of each  
9 jurisdiction;

10 (c) Contain a six year construction and capital acquisition program  
11 for solid waste handling facilities; and

12 (d) Contain a plan for financing both capital costs and operational  
13 expenditures of the proposed solid waste management system.

14 (4) A program for the safe handling, transport, and disposal of  
15 biomedical waste, as defined in RCW 70.95K.010. The program may  
16 specify how biomedical waste will be segregated from other solid waste  
17 if, in consultation with the local health jurisdiction, segregation is  
18 determined to be necessary and appropriate.

19 (5) A program for surveillance and control.

20 ((+5)) (6) A current inventory and description of solid waste  
21 collection needs and operations within each respective jurisdiction  
22 which shall include:

23 (a) Any franchise for solid waste collection granted by the  
24 utilities and transportation commission in the respective jurisdictions  
25 including the name of the holder of the franchise and the address of  
26 his or her place of business and the area covered by the franchise;

27 (b) Any city solid waste operation within the county and the  
28 boundaries of such operation;

29 (c) The population density of each area serviced by a city  
30 operation or by a franchised operation within the respective  
31 jurisdictions;

32 (d) The projected solid waste collection needs for the respective  
33 jurisdictions for the next six years.

34 ((+6)) (7) A comprehensive waste reduction and recycling element  
35 that, in accordance with the priorities established in RCW 70.95.010,  
36 provides programs that (a) reduce the amount of waste generated, (b)  
37 provide incentives and mechanisms for source separation, and (c)  
38 establish recycling opportunities for the source separated waste.

1       (~~(7)~~) (8) The waste reduction and recycling element shall include  
2 the following:

3       (a) Waste reduction strategies;

4       (b) Source separation strategies, including:

5       (i) Programs for the collection of source separated materials from  
6 residences in urban and rural areas. In urban areas, these programs  
7 shall include collection of source separated recyclable materials from  
8 single and multiple family residences, unless the department approves  
9 an alternative program, according to the criteria in the planning  
10 guidelines. Such criteria shall include: Anticipated recovery rates  
11 and levels of public participation, availability of environmentally  
12 sound disposal capacity, access to markets for recyclable materials,  
13 unreasonable cost impacts on the ratepayer over the six-year planning  
14 period, utilization of environmentally sound waste reduction and  
15 recycling technologies, and other factors as appropriate. In rural  
16 areas, these programs shall include but not be limited to drop-off  
17 boxes, buy-back centers, or a combination of both, at each solid waste  
18 transfer, processing, or disposal site, or at locations convenient to  
19 the residents of the county. The drop-off boxes and buy-back centers  
20 may be owned or operated by public, nonprofit, or private persons;

21       (ii) Programs to monitor the collection of source separated waste  
22 at nonresidential sites where there is sufficient density to sustain a  
23 program;

24       (iii) Programs to collect yard waste, if the county or city  
25 submitting the plan finds that there are adequate markets or capacity  
26 for composted yard waste within or near the service area to consume the  
27 majority of the material collected; and

28       (iv) Programs to educate and promote the concepts of waste  
29 reduction and recycling;

30       (c) Recycling strategies, including a description of markets for  
31 recyclables, a review of waste generation trends, a description of  
32 waste composition, a discussion and description of existing programs  
33 and any additional programs needed to assist public and private sector  
34 recycling, and an implementation schedule for the designation of  
35 specific materials to be collected for recycling, and for the provision  
36 of recycling collection services;

37       (d) Other information the county or city submitting the plan  
38 determines is necessary.

1        (~~(8)~~) (9) An assessment of the plan's impact on the costs of  
2 solid waste collection. The assessment shall be prepared in  
3 conformance with guidelines established by the utilities and  
4 transportation commission. The commission shall cooperate with the  
5 Washington state association of counties and the association of  
6 Washington cities in establishing such guidelines.

7        (~~(9)~~) (10) A review of potential areas that meet the criteria as  
8 outlined in RCW 70.95.165.

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