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By Senators Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Horn, Finkbeiner, Esser, Reardon, Rossi, Stevens and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to theft of solid waste or recyclable materials;
2 adding a new section to chapter 9A.56 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of theft of solid waste or recyclable
7 materials if he or she takes or wrongfully obtains any solid waste or
8 recyclable materials placed in or immediately adjacent to a bin or a
9 container as part of a solid waste or recycling collection program
10 operated by or under contract with a city, town, county, special
11 purpose district, or other governmental entity without the consent of
12 the generator or collector of such solid waste or recyclable materials
13 or the owner or operator of the bin or container.

14 (2) For the purposes of this section, "recyclable materials" and
15 "solid waste" have the same meaning as in RCW 70.95.030 and in addition
16 specifically include any materials containing "financial information"
17 or "means of identification" as those terms are defined in RCW
18 9.35.005.

1 (3) Theft of solid waste or recyclable materials, not amounting to
2 theft in the first degree, theft in the second degree, or theft in the
3 third degree, is a misdemeanor.

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