

SB 5788 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to clarify methods to improve recycling in Washington state, and to further the purposes in RCW 70.95.020 and the goals of the state solid waste management plan adopted by the department of ecology under RCW 70.95.260.

Provides that a transporter may not collect recyclable materials from generators within the state without first obtaining a transporter permit from the department. A transporter permit must be issued for a period of one year, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.

Declares that nothing in this act prevents the operation of a recycling company or nonprofit entity from collecting and transporting recyclable materials from a buyback center, drop box, or from a commercial or industrial generator of recyclable materials.

Provides that a transporter who collects recyclable materials within the state without a transporter permit required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Requires all recycling facilities to register with the department, except for facilities that are required to obtain a solid waste handling permit under RCW 70.95.170. No recycling facility may accept recyclable materials from a transporter within the state without having obtained a solid waste handling permit from the department or obtaining a registration under this section. A registration must be issued for a period of one year, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.

Requires every recycling facility to prepare and submit an annual report to the department and the local health department that has jurisdiction over the recycling facility. The report is due by April 1st and must be submitted on forms supplied by the department.