
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HB 2056

Brief Description: Requiring recycling receptacles at official gatherings and sports facilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Lantz, Goodman, Sells, McCoy, Hunt and Simpson.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires recycling receptacles to be provided at all official gatherings and sports facilities in communities where there is an established recycling program.

Hearing Date: 2/15/07

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

Recycling is regulated by local government. Each county and city is required to make a comprehensive solid waste management plan that includes a recycling plan [RCW 70.95.090]. Local governmental ordinances may require property owners and occupants of premises to use a recyclable materials collection system [RCW 35.21.130]. The county is authorized to contract with an organization to collect recyclable materials from residences and other premises [RCW 36.58.040].

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is authorized as the coordinating agency for the state-wide waste reduction, anti-litter, and recycling campaign [RCW 70.93.200, 70.93.210].

The Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account in the State Treasury is used by the DOE for waste reduction, litter control, and recycling activities [RCW 70.93.180]. The DOE provides funding to local government to establish, conduct, and evaluate programs for recycling [RCW 70.93.250].

Certain areas are required to have recycling receptacles. Marinas with 30 or more slips and airports providing regularly scheduled commercial passenger service must provide adequate

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recycling receptacles [RCW 70.93.095]. The State Parks and Recreation Commission is required to provide waste reduction and recycling information in each state park campground and day-use area, and provide recycling receptacles in the day-use and campground areas of at least 40 state parks [RCW 79A.05.045].

Summary of Bill:

Recycling receptacles will be provided at every official gathering and sports facility in communities where there is an established recycling program.

An official gathering is defined as any event where authorization to hold the event is approved, recognized, or issued by a government, public body, or authority, including fairs, musical concerts, athletic games, festivals, tournaments, or any other formal or ceremonial event.

Sports facilities are defined as outdoor recreational sports facilities, including athletic fields and ball parks.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 6, 2007.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.