

**E2SHB 2914** - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Ways & Means

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends for Washington to  
4 continue to be a leader in economically and environmentally  
5 sustainable management of recyclable materials and solid waste. In  
6 this act, the legislature intends to underscore the state's  
7 accountability for the waste it generates and to inform more  
8 widespread public understanding of the realities and challenges of  
9 recyclable material collection, sorting, processing, and marketing as  
10 a part of solid waste management.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of commerce, subject to  
12 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, shall  
13 arrange for the completion of an economic analysis of recyclable  
14 material and solid waste processing, export, and disposal activities  
15 in Washington. This analysis must not result in the disclosure or  
16 publication of proprietary or confidential business information. The  
17 analysis must include:

18 (a) An overview of existing types of recycling business practices  
19 in Washington that involve processing materials into saleable  
20 products. The evaluation must also include an evaluation of  
21 opportunities and barriers to more reuse and manufacturing using  
22 recyclable material as feedstocks within Washington and regionally;  
23 and

24 (b) An evaluation of the implications of relevant global and  
25 regional changes in the recycling market on recycling rates and on  
26 businesses collecting and processing recyclable materials in  
27 Washington.

28 (2) By July 1, 2019, the analysis required in subsection (1) of  
29 this section must be submitted in a report to the legislature  
30 consistent with the requirements of RCW 43.01.036. The analysis must

1 be accompanied by recommendations from the department of commerce  
2 that:

3 (a) Identify which recyclable materials add the greatest economic  
4 value to recycling programs and will have a market to sustain those  
5 programs; and

6 (b) Identify ways to increase the amount of recyclable materials  
7 generated in Washington that are processed in Washington or in other  
8 places where postconsumer materials are managed with economically and  
9 environmentally sustainable practices.

10 (3) The department of commerce must develop the analysis and  
11 recommendations in this section in consultation with a focused  
12 stakeholder work group consisting of a representative from each of  
13 the following: The utilities and transportation commission; the  
14 department of ecology; cities; counties; a permitted material  
15 recovery facility operator; public and private sector recycling and  
16 solid waste industries; packaging manufacturers and retailers; and an  
17 environmental organization.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.95  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
21 specific purpose, the department must arrange for the facilitation  
22 of, and may participate in, efforts by the stakeholder work group  
23 identified in section 2(3) of this act to develop a public outreach  
24 strategy and campaign for reducing contamination, increasing quality,  
25 and maximizing the value of collected recyclable materials.

26 (2) The public outreach strategy must be designed to:

27 (a) Reduce rates of contamination of recyclable materials and  
28 ensure quality of materials collected;

29 (b) Identify which recyclable materials add the greatest economic  
30 value to recycling programs and will have a market to sustain those  
31 programs;

32 (c) Promote statewide best practices for different types of  
33 collected recyclable materials and improve consumer education  
34 regarding their role in solid waste management; and

35 (d) Be statewide in scope but must also accommodate the variation  
36 in local government collection activities and local community  
37 considerations.

1 (3) The department must ensure that the public outreach strategy  
2 is well developed and key messaging and strategy is ready to begin  
3 implementation by June 1, 2018.

4 (4) The outreach strategy and campaign must be updated to reflect  
5 the findings of the report in section 2 of this act, and periodically  
6 to reflect changes in recyclable market conditions.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.95.290 and 1988 c 184 s 3 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 ~~((1) The evaluation of the solid waste stream required in RCW  
10 70.95.280 shall include the following elements:~~

11 ~~(a) The department shall determine which management method for  
12 each category of solid waste will have the least environmental  
13 impact; and~~

14 ~~(b) The department shall evaluate the costs of various management  
15 options for each category of solid waste, including a review of  
16 market availability, and shall take into consideration the economic  
17 impact on affected parties;~~

18 ~~(c) Based on the results of (a) and (b) of this subsection, the  
19 department shall determine the best management for each category of  
20 solid waste. Different management methods for the same categories of  
21 waste may be developed for different parts of the state.~~

22 ~~(2))~~ In the evaluation of the solid waste stream required in RCW  
23 70.95.280, the department shall give priority to evaluating  
24 categories of solid waste that, in relation to other categories of  
25 solid waste, comprise a large volume of the solid waste stream,  
26 present economic opportunities for material recovery, recycling, and  
27 reuse, or present a high potential of harm to human health. ((At a  
28 minimum the following categories of waste shall be evaluated: (a) By  
29 January 1, 1989, yard waste and other biodegradable materials, paper  
30 products, disposable diapers, and batteries; and

31 ~~(b) By January 1, 1990, metals, glass, plastics, styrofoam or~~  
32 ~~rigid lightweight cellular polystyrene, and tires.))~~

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
35 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
36 effect immediately."

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1        On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "materials;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 70.95.290; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 70.95 RCW; creating new sections; and  
4 declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Makes the bill subject to the amounts appropriated for  
this specific purpose.

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