

**SSB 5545 - S AMD 311**

By Senator Fortunato

**NOT CONSIDERED 12/23/2019**

1 On page 13, after line 6, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The department of ecology must  
3 examine and compare the life-cycle environmental impacts of carryout  
4 bags, including the effects on water quality and greenhouse gas  
5 emissions. The examination must include a review and comparison of:

6 (a) Paper and plastic bags;

7 (b) Recycled content paper and plastic bags;

8 (c) Compostable and biodegradable plastic bags; and

9 (d) Bags designed specifically to have long-term multiple uses.

10 (2) By December 1, 2019, the department of ecology must provide a  
11 completed study to the appropriate committees of the legislature."

12 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
13 internal references accordingly.

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14 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "RCW;" insert "creating a  
15 new section;"

EFFECT: Requires the department of ecology to evaluate and compare life-cycle environmental impacts of carryout bags.

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