

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5936

As of March 4, 2019

Title: An act relating to use of industrial waste through industrial symbioses.

Brief Description: Concerning use of industrial waste through industrial symbioses.

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Walsh, Hasegawa and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Energy & Technology: 2/19/19.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to produce a proposal and recommendations for setting up an industrial waste coordination program by December 1, 2019.
- Authorizes Commerce to make loans or grants and provide technical assistance for development of projects that encourage and enhance projects to create a cooperative use of waste heat and materials.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

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Background: Commerce is the lead state agency to assist in establishing and improving markets for recyclable materials. Commerce provides a range of programs to assist businesses, such as education, technical assistance and business grants and loans. In addition, Commerce implements the Clean Energy Fund program, which funds developing, demonstrating, and deploying clean energy technology.

Industrial symbiosis is the collaboration between public and private businesses to foster the use of industrial by-products, including energy, water, materials and logistics. The intent of industrial symbiosis is to generate uses for these by-products while reducing waste and costs.

Industrial processes create heat in the form of exhaust gases, cooling water, and hot equipment surfaces and products. Recovering this waste heat may be used to produce electricity, or to cool and heat a building or facility.

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Summary of Bill: By December 1, 2019, Commerce must produce a proposal and recommendations for setting up an industrial waste coordination program. Commerce must convene at least two meetings with relevant industry stakeholders when developing the proposal.

The proposal must include:

- a strategy to develop inventories or industrial waste innovation currently operating;
- recommendations regarding data collection for material flows to generate potential industry waste matches and opportunities;
- guidance and best practices for emerging local industrial resource hubs; and
- recommendations for performance metrics to track results of industrial or commercial hubs that measure economic and environmental outcomes.

Commerce may make loans or grants for development, demonstration, and deployment of projects that enhance cooperative use of waste heat and materials. Commerce may develop a method and criteria for allocating loans and grants and providing technical assistance.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Industrial symbiosis is taking the waste product from one plant and using it downstream as energy for the next manufacturing facility.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Sharon Brown, Prime Sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.