

SB 5040 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Environment & Energy

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 70A.200.170 and 2020 c 20 s 1078 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The department is the coordinating and administrative agency
6 working with the departments of natural resources, revenue,
7 transportation, and corrections, and the parks and recreation
8 commission in developing a biennial budget request for funds for the
9 various agencies' litter collection programs.

10 (2) Funds may be used to meet the needs of efficient and
11 effective litter collection and illegal dumping programs identified
12 by the various agencies. The department shall develop criteria for
13 evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the waste reduction,
14 litter control, and recycling programs being administered by the
15 various agencies listed in RCW 70A.200.140, and shall distribute
16 funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of those
17 programs. In addition, the department shall approve funding requests
18 for efficient and effective waste reduction, litter control, and
19 recycling programs, provide funds, and monitor the results of all
20 agency programs.

21 (3) All agencies are responsible for reporting information on
22 their litter collection programs as requested by the department.

23 (4) The department shall contract with the department of
24 transportation to schedule litter prevention messaging and
25 coordination of litter emphasis patrols with the Washington state
26 patrol. Additionally, the department of transportation may coordinate
27 with the department to conduct litter pickup during scheduled
28 maintenance closures as situations allow.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70A.200.190 and 2020 c 20 s 1079 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

1 (1) The department shall provide funding to local units of
2 government to establish, conduct, and evaluate community restitution
3 and other programs for waste reduction, litter and illegal dump
4 cleanup, and recycling. Programs eligible for funding under this
5 section shall include, but not be limited to, programs established
6 pursuant to RCW 72.09.260.

7 (2) Funds may be offered for costs associated with community
8 waste reduction, litter cleanup and prevention, and recycling
9 activities. The funding program must be flexible, allowing local
10 governments to use funds broadly to meet their needs to reduce waste,
11 control litter and illegal dumping, and promote recycling. Local
12 governments are required to contribute resources or in-kind services.
13 The department shall evaluate funding requests from local government
14 according to the same criteria as those developed in RCW 70A.200.170,
15 provide funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of local
16 government litter control programs, and monitor the results of all
17 local government programs under this section.

18 (3) Local governments may initiate and apply to the department
19 for reimbursement of litter clean-up activities on state highway
20 ramps located within the jurisdiction of the local government.

21 (4) Local governments shall report information as requested by
22 the department in funding agreements entered into by the department
23 and a local government.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
25 welcome to Washington act."

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the Department of Ecology
prioritize funding litter control along state highways when
distributing funds to state agencies for litter control programs.

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