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By Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Morton, Drew and Fraser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of products containing recycled
2 material; and amending RCW 43.19.538.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.538 and 1991 c 297 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director of general administration, through the state
7 purchasing director, shall develop specifications and adopt rules for
8 the purchase of products which will provide for preferential purchase
9 of products containing recycled material by:

10 (a) The use of a weighting factor determined by the amount of
11 recycled material in a product, which shall provide for minimum
12 preference equal to ten percent of the total bid amount; and

13 (b) The use of a weighting factor based upon the savings in
14 disposal costs realized through resource recovery and recycling of
15 solid waste, except for paper products, that is generated in the state
16 of Washington. This weighting factor is in addition to the weighting
17 factor established under (a) of this subsection. The department shall
18 consult with the department of ecology and other state agencies and
19 institutions of higher education, as appropriate, to develop a method

1 for quantifying the cost savings. Bidders seeking eligibility for
2 application of the weighting factor in this subsection (1)(b) shall
3 certify what percentage of the materials in the recycled content
4 product were obtained from within the state.

5 The weighting factors shall be used, where appropriate and known in
6 advance to potential bidders, to determine the lowest responsible
7 bidder. The actual dollars bid shall be the contracted amount. If the
8 department determines, according to criteria established by rule that
9 the use of ((this)) weighting factors in this section does not
10 encourage the use of more recycled material, the department shall
11 consider and award bids without regard to the weighting factors. In
12 making this determination, the department shall consider but not be
13 limited to such factors as adequate competition, economics or
14 environmental constraints, quality, and availability.

15 ((b)) (c) Requiring a written statement of the percentage range
16 of recycled content from the bidder providing products containing
17 recycled ((material)) material. The range may be stated in five
18 percent increments.

19 (2) The director shall develop a directory of businesses that
20 supply products containing significant quantities of recycled
21 materials. This directory may be combined with and made accessible
22 through the data base of recycled content products to be developed
23 under RCW 43.19A.060.

24 (3) The director shall encourage all parties using the state
25 purchasing office to purchase products containing recycled materials.

26 (4) The rules, specifications, and bid evaluation shall be
27 consistent with recycled content standards adopted under RCW
28 43.19A.020.

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