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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that landfills  
4 are a significant source of emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse  
5 gas. Among other economic and environmental benefits, the diversion  
6 of organic materials to productive uses will reduce methane  
7 emissions.

8 (2) In order to reduce methane emissions associated with organic  
9 materials, the legislature finds that it will be beneficial to  
10 improve a variety of aspects of how organic materials and organic  
11 material wastes are reduced, managed, incentivized, and regulated  
12 under state law. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to  
13 support the diversion of organic materials from landfills through a  
14 variety of interventions to support productive uses of organic  
15 material wastes, including by:

16 (a) Requiring some local governments to begin providing separated  
17 organic material collection services within their jurisdictions in  
18 order to increase volumes of organic materials collected and  
19 delivered to composting and other organic material management  
20 facilities and reduce the volumes of organic materials collected in  
21 conjunction with other solid waste and delivered to landfills;

22 (b) Requiring local governments to consider state organic  
23 material management goals and requirements in the development of  
24 their local solid waste plans;

25 (c) Requiring some businesses to manage their organic material  
26 wastes in a manner that does not involve landfilling them, in order  
27 to address one significant source of organic materials that currently  
28 frequently end up in landfills;

29 (d) Reducing legal liability risk barriers to the donation of  
30 edible food in order to encourage the recovery of foods that might  
31 otherwise be landfilled;

1 (e) Establishing the Washington center for sustainable food  
2 management within the department of ecology in order to coordinate  
3 and improve statewide food waste reduction and diversion efforts;

4 (f) Establishing various new funding and financial incentives  
5 intended to increase composting and other forms of productive organic  
6 materials management, helping to make the responsible management of  
7 organic materials more cost-competitive with landfilling of organic  
8 material wastes;

9 (g) Facilitating the siting of organic material management  
10 facilities in order to ensure that adequate capacity exists to  
11 process organic materials at the volumes necessary to achieve state  
12 organic material diversion goals;

13 (h) Encouraging cities and counties to procure more of the  
14 compost and finished products created from their organic material  
15 wastes in order to support the economic viability of processes to  
16 turn organic materials into finished products, and increasing the  
17 likelihood that composting and other responsible organic material  
18 management options are economically viable; and

19 (i) Amending standards related to the labeling of plastic and  
20 compostable products in order to reduce contamination of the waste  
21 streams handled by compost and organic material management facilities  
22 and improve the economic viability of those responsible organic  
23 material management options.

## 24 **PART 1**

### 25 **State Targets and Organic Material Waste Collection Requirements**

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter  
27 70A.205 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1)(a) The state establishes a goal for the landfill disposal of  
29 organic materials at a level representing a 75 percent reduction by  
30 2030 in the statewide disposal of organic material waste, relative to  
31 2015 levels.

32 (b) The state establishes a goal that no less than 20 percent of  
33 the volume of edible food that was disposed of as of 2015 be  
34 recovered for human consumption by 2025.

35 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section are in  
36 addition to the food waste reduction goals of RCW 70A.205.715(1).

1        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 102.**        A new section is added to chapter  
2 70A.205 RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, in each jurisdiction that  
4 implements a local solid waste plan under RCW 70A.205.040:

5        (a) Source-separated organic solid waste collection services must  
6 be provided at least every other week or at least 26 weeks annually  
7 to:

8        (i) All residents; and

9        (ii) Nonresidential customers that generate more than .25 cubic  
10 yard per week of organic materials for management; and

11        (b) All organic solid waste collected from residents and  
12 businesses under (a) of this subsection must be managed through  
13 organic materials management.

14        (2) A jurisdiction may charge and collect fees or rates for the  
15 services provided under subsection (1) of this section, consistent  
16 with the jurisdiction's authority to impose fees and rates under  
17 chapters 35.21, 35A.21, 36.58, and 36.58A RCW.

18        (3) (a) Except as provided in (d) of this subsection, the  
19 requirements of this section do not apply in a jurisdiction if the  
20 department determines that the following apply:

21        (i) The jurisdiction disposed of less than 5,000 tons of solid  
22 waste in the most recent year for which data is available; or

23        (ii) The jurisdiction has a total population of less than 25,000  
24 people.

25        (b) The requirements of this section do not apply:

26        (i) In census tracts that have a population density of less than  
27 75 people per square mile that are serviced by the jurisdiction and  
28 located in unincorporated portions of a county, as determined by the  
29 department, in counties not planning under chapter 36.70A RCW; and

30        (ii) Outside of urban growth areas designated pursuant to RCW  
31 36.70A.110 in unincorporated portions of a county planning under  
32 chapter 36.70A RCW.

33        (c) In addition to the exemptions in (a) and (b) of this  
34 subsection, the department may issue a renewable waiver to  
35 jurisdictions or portions of a jurisdiction under this subsection for  
36 up to five years, based on consideration of factors including the  
37 distance to organic materials management facilities, the sufficiency  
38 of the capacity to manage organic materials at facilities to which  
39 organic materials could feasibly and economically be delivered from  
40 the jurisdiction, and restrictions in the transport of organic

1 materials under chapter 17.24 RCW. The department may adopt rules to  
2 specify the type of information that a waiver applicant must submit  
3 to the department and to specify the department's process for  
4 reviewing and approving waiver applications.

5 (d) Beginning January 1, 2030, the department may adopt a rule to  
6 require that the provisions of this section apply in the  
7 jurisdictions identified in (b) and (c) of this subsection, but only  
8 if the department determines that the goals established in section  
9 101(1) of this act have not or will not be achieved.

10 (4) Any city that newly begins implementing an independent solid  
11 waste plan under RCW 70A.205.040 after July 1, 2022, must meet the  
12 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

13 **Sec. 103.** RCW 70A.205.040 and 2010 c 154 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Each county within the state, in cooperation with the various  
16 cities located within such county, shall prepare a coordinated,  
17 comprehensive solid waste management plan. Such plan may cover two or  
18 more counties. The purpose is to plan for solid waste and materials  
19 reduction, collection, and handling and management services and  
20 programs throughout the state, as designed to meet the unique needs  
21 of each county and city in the state. When updating a solid waste  
22 management plan developed under this chapter, after June 10, 2010,  
23 local comprehensive plans must consider and plan for the following  
24 handling methods or services:

25 (a) Source separation of recyclable materials and products,  
26 organic materials, and wastes by generators;

27 (b) Collection of source separated materials;

28 (c) Handling and proper preparation of materials for reuse or  
29 recycling;

30 (d) Handling and proper preparation of organic materials for  
31 (~~composting or anaerobic digestion~~) organic materials management;  
32 and

33 (e) Handling and proper disposal of nonrecyclable wastes.

34 (2) When updating a solid waste management plan developed under  
35 this chapter, after June 10, 2010, each local comprehensive plan  
36 must, at a minimum, consider methods that will be used to address the  
37 following:

38 (a) Construction and demolition waste for recycling or reuse;

1 (b) Organic material including yard debris, food waste, and food  
2 contaminated paper products for ~~((composting or anaerobic digestion))~~  
3 organic materials management;

4 (c) Recoverable paper products for recycling;

5 (d) Metals, glass, and plastics for recycling; and

6 (e) Waste reduction strategies.

7 (3) (a) When newly developing, updating, or amending a solid waste  
8 management plan developed under this chapter, after July 1, 2024,  
9 each local comprehensive plan must consider the transition to the  
10 requirements of section 102 of this act, and each comprehensive plan  
11 implemented by a county must identify:

12 (i) The priority areas within the county for the establishment of  
13 organic materials management facilities. Priority areas must be in  
14 industrial zones, agricultural zones, or rural zones, and may not be  
15 located in overburdened communities identified by the department of  
16 ecology under RCW 70A.65.020(1). Priority areas should be designated  
17 with an attempt to minimize incompatible uses and potential impacts  
18 on residential areas; and

19 (ii) Organic materials management facility volumetric capacity  
20 required to manage the county's organic materials in a manner  
21 consistent with the goals of section 101 of this act.

22 (b) When newly developing, updating, or amending a solid waste  
23 management plan developed under this chapter, after January 1, 2027,  
24 each local comprehensive plan must be consistent with the  
25 requirements of section 102 of this act.

26 (4) Each city shall:

27 (a) Prepare and deliver to the county auditor of the county in  
28 which it is located its plan for its own solid waste management for  
29 integration into the comprehensive county plan;

30 (b) Enter into an agreement with the county pursuant to which the  
31 city shall participate in preparing a joint city-county plan for  
32 solid waste management; or

33 (c) Authorize the county to prepare a plan for the city's solid  
34 waste management for inclusion in the comprehensive county plan.

35 ~~((4))~~ (5) Two or more cities may prepare a plan for inclusion  
36 in the county plan. With prior notification of its home county of its  
37 intent, a city in one county may enter into an agreement with a city  
38 in an adjoining county, or with an adjoining county, or both, to  
39 prepare a joint plan for solid waste management to become part of the  
40 comprehensive plan of both counties.

1       (~~(5)~~) (6) After consultation with representatives of the cities  
2 and counties, the department shall establish a schedule for the  
3 development of the comprehensive plans for solid waste management. In  
4 preparing such a schedule, the department shall take into account the  
5 probable cost of such plans to the cities and counties.

6       (~~(6)~~) (7) Local governments shall not be required to include a  
7 hazardous waste element in their solid waste management plans.

8       NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 104.**     (1) The department of ecology must  
9 contract with a third-party consultant to conduct a study of the  
10 adequacy of local government solid waste management funding,  
11 including options and recommendations to provide funding for solid  
12 waste programs in the future if significant statewide policy changes  
13 are enacted. The department must include the Washington association  
14 of county solid waste managers, the association of Washington cities,  
15 an association that represents the private sector solid waste  
16 industry, and other stakeholders in scoping the study and reviewing  
17 the consultant's findings and recommendations prior to submittal to  
18 the legislature.

19       (2) The study must include:

20       (a) Consideration for jurisdictional type, location, size,  
21 service level, and other relevant differences between cities and  
22 counties;

23       (b) A review and update of current funding types and levels  
24 available, and their rate of adoption;

25       (c) The funding needs to implement the solid waste core services  
26 model developed by the Washington association of county solid waste  
27 managers;

28       (d) Alternative funding models utilized by other publicly managed  
29 solid waste programs in other states or countries that may be  
30 relevant to Washington; and

31       (e) An evaluation of the impacts on solid waste funding resources  
32 available to cities and counties from statewide solid waste  
33 management policy proposals considered by the legislature or enacted  
34 in the last four years, including proposals to:

35       (i) Reduce the quantity of organic waste to landfills;

36       (ii) Manage packaging and paper products through extended  
37 producer responsibility programs;

38       (iii) Manage other products through product stewardship or  
39 extended producer responsibility programs;

- 1 (iv) Improve or install new or updated methane capture systems;  
2 (v) Increase postconsumer content requirements for materials  
3 collected in solid waste programs; and  
4 (vi) Other related proposals that may impact solid waste funding  
5 resources.

6 (3) The study must evaluate a range of forecasted fiscal impacts  
7 for each type of policy change on local government solid waste  
8 management programs, including:

- 9 (a) The level of service provided by local government;  
10 (b) Costs to the local government;  
11 (c) Existing revenue levels; and  
12 (d) The need for additional revenue.

13 (4) The department must submit the report, including findings and  
14 any recommendations, to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
15 by July 1, 2023.

16 **Sec. 105.** RCW 70A.205.015 and 2020 c 20 s 1161 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 (~~As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates~~  
19 ~~otherwise:~~) The definitions in this section apply throughout this  
20 chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

21 (1) "City" means every incorporated city and town.

22 (2) "Commission" means the utilities and transportation  
23 commission.

24 (3) "Composted material" means organic solid waste that has been  
25 subjected to controlled aerobic degradation at a solid waste facility  
26 in compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Natural decay of  
27 organic solid waste under uncontrolled conditions does not result in  
28 composted material.

29 (4) "Department" means the department of ecology.

30 (5) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology.

31 (6) "Disposal site" means the location where any final treatment,  
32 utilization, processing, or deposit of solid waste occurs.

33 (7) "Energy recovery" means a process operating under federal and  
34 state environmental laws and regulations for converting solid waste  
35 into usable energy and for reducing the volume of solid waste.

36 (8) "Functional standards" means criteria for solid waste  
37 handling expressed in terms of expected performance or solid waste  
38 handling functions.

1 (9) "Incineration" means a process of reducing the volume of  
2 solid waste operating under federal and state environmental laws and  
3 regulations by use of an enclosed device using controlled flame  
4 combustion.

5 (10) "Inert waste landfill" means a landfill that receives only  
6 inert waste, as determined under RCW 70A.205.030, and includes  
7 facilities that use inert wastes as a component of fill.

8 (11) "Jurisdictional health department" means city, county, city-  
9 county, or district public health department.

10 (12) "Landfill" means a disposal facility or part of a facility  
11 at which solid waste is placed in or on land and which is not a land  
12 treatment facility.

13 (13) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.

14 (14) "Modify" means to substantially change the design or  
15 operational plans including, but not limited to, removal of a design  
16 element previously set forth in a permit application or the addition  
17 of a disposal or processing activity that is not approved in the  
18 permit.

19 (15) "Multiple-family residence" means any structure housing two  
20 or more dwelling units.

21 (16) "Person" means individual, firm, association, copartnership,  
22 political subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry,  
23 public or private corporation, or any other entity whatsoever.

24 (17) "Recyclable materials" means those solid wastes that are  
25 separated for recycling or reuse, such as papers, metals, and glass,  
26 that are identified as recyclable material pursuant to a local  
27 comprehensive solid waste plan. Prior to the adoption of the local  
28 comprehensive solid waste plan, adopted pursuant to RCW  
29 70A.205.075(2), local governments may identify recyclable materials  
30 by ordinance from July 23, 1989.

31 (18) "Recycling" means transforming or remanufacturing waste  
32 materials into usable or marketable materials for use other than  
33 landfill disposal or incineration.

34 (19) "Residence" means the regular dwelling place of an  
35 individual or individuals.

36 (20) "Sewage sludge" means a semisolid substance consisting of  
37 settled sewage solids combined with varying amounts of water and  
38 dissolved materials, generated from a wastewater treatment system,  
39 that does not meet the requirements of chapter 70A.226 RCW.



1 (21) "Soil amendment" means any substance that is intended to  
2 improve the physical characteristics of the soil, except composted  
3 material, commercial fertilizers, agricultural liming agents,  
4 unmanipulated animal manures, unmanipulated vegetable manures, food  
5 wastes, food processing wastes, and materials exempted by rule of the  
6 department, such as biosolids as defined in chapter 70A.226 RCW and  
7 wastewater as regulated in chapter 90.48 RCW.

8 (22) "Solid waste" or "wastes" means all putrescible and  
9 nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes including, but not limited  
10 to, garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, swill, sewage sludge,  
11 demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts  
12 thereof, and recyclable materials.

13 (23) "Solid waste handling" means the management, storage,  
14 collection, transportation, treatment, utilization, processing, and  
15 final disposal of solid wastes, including the recovery and recycling  
16 of materials from solid wastes, the recovery of energy resources from  
17 solid wastes or the conversion of the energy in solid wastes to more  
18 useful forms or combinations thereof.

19 (24) "Source separation" means the separation of different kinds  
20 of solid waste at the place where the waste originates.

21 (25) "Vehicle" includes every device physically capable of being  
22 moved upon a public or private highway, road, street, or watercourse  
23 and in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be  
24 transported or drawn upon a public or private highway, road, street,  
25 or watercourse, except devices moved by human or animal power or used  
26 exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

27 (26) "Waste-derived soil amendment" means any soil amendment as  
28 defined in this chapter that is derived from solid waste as defined  
29 in this section, but does not include biosolids or biosolids products  
30 regulated under chapter 70A.226 RCW or wastewaters regulated under  
31 chapter 90.48 RCW.

32 (27) "Waste reduction" means reducing the amount or toxicity of  
33 waste generated or reusing materials.

34 (28) "Yard debris" means plant material commonly created in the  
35 course of maintaining yards and gardens, and through horticulture,  
36 gardening, landscaping, or similar activities. Yard debris includes  
37 but is not limited to grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush,  
38 weeds, flowers, roots, windfall fruit, vegetable garden debris,  
39 holiday trees, and tree prunings four inches or less in diameter.

1 (29) (a) (i) "Organic materials" means any solid waste that is a  
2 biological substance of plant or animal origin capable of microbial  
3 degradation.

4 (ii) Organic materials include, but are not limited to, manure,  
5 yard debris, food waste, food processing waste, wood waste, and  
6 garden waste.

7 (b) "Organic materials" does not include any materials  
8 contaminated by herbicides, pesticides, pests, or other sources of  
9 chemical or biological contamination that would render a finished  
10 product of an organic material management process unsuitable for  
11 general public or agricultural use.

12 (30) "Organic materials management" means management of organic  
13 materials through composting, anaerobic digestion, vermiculture,  
14 black soldier fly, or similar technologies.

## 15 **PART 2**

### 16 **Requirements for Organics Management by Businesses**

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 201. A new section is added to chapter  
18 70A.205 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) (a) Beginning July 1, 2023, and each July 1st thereafter, the  
20 department must determine which counties and any cities preparing  
21 independent solid waste management plans:

22 (i) Provide for businesses to be serviced by providers that  
23 collect food waste and organic material waste for delivery to solid  
24 waste facilities that provide for the organic materials management of  
25 organic material waste and food waste; and

26 (ii) Are serviced by solid waste facilities that provide for the  
27 organic materials management of organic material waste and food waste  
28 and have capacity to accept increased volumes of organic materials  
29 deliveries.

30 (b) (i) The department must determine and designate that the  
31 restrictions of this section apply to businesses in a jurisdiction  
32 unless the department determines that the businesses in some or all  
33 portions of the city or county have:

34 (A) No available businesses that collect and deliver organic  
35 materials to solid waste facilities that provide for the organic  
36 materials management of organic material waste and food waste; or

1 (B) No available capacity at the solid waste facilities to which  
2 businesses that collect and deliver organic materials could feasibly  
3 and economically deliver organic materials from the jurisdiction.

4 (ii)(A) In the event that a county or city provides written  
5 notification to the department indicating that the criteria of  
6 (b)(i)(A) of this subsection are met, then the restrictions of this  
7 section apply only in those portions of the jurisdiction that have  
8 available service-providing businesses.

9 (B) In the event that a county or city provides written  
10 notification to the department indicating that the criteria of  
11 (b)(i)(B) of this subsection are met, then the restrictions of this  
12 section do not apply to the jurisdiction.

13 (c) The department must make the result of the annual  
14 determinations required under this section available on its website.

15 (d) The requirements of this section may be enforced by  
16 jurisdictional health departments consistent with this chapter,  
17 except that:

18 (i) A jurisdictional health department may not charge a fee to  
19 permit holders to cover the costs of the jurisdictional health  
20 department's administration or enforcement of the requirements of  
21 this section; and

22 (ii) Prior to issuing a penalty under this section, a  
23 jurisdictional health department must provide at least two written  
24 notices of noncompliance with the requirements of this section to the  
25 owner or operator of a business subject to the requirements of this  
26 section.

27 (2) Wastes that are not managed on-site by the generating  
28 business, wastes generated from the growth and harvest of food or  
29 fiber that are managed off-site by another business engaged in the  
30 growth and harvest of food or fiber, and wastes generated in  
31 exceptional volumes as a result of a natural disaster or other  
32 infrequent and unpreventable event, do not count for purposes of  
33 determining waste volumes in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

34 (a) Beginning January 1, 2024, a business that generates at least  
35 eight cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for  
36 organic materials management services specifically for organic  
37 material waste;

38 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, a business that generates at least  
39 four cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for

1 organic materials management services specifically for organic  
2 material waste; and

3 (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, a business that generates at least  
4 four cubic yards of solid waste per week shall arrange for organic  
5 materials management services specifically for organic material  
6 waste, unless the department determines, by rule, that additional  
7 reductions in the landfilling of organic materials would be more  
8 appropriately and effectively achieved, at reasonable cost to  
9 regulated businesses, through the establishment of a different  
10 volumetric threshold of solid waste or organic material waste than  
11 the threshold of four cubic yards of solid waste per week.

12 (3) A business may fulfill the requirements of this section by:

13 (a) Source separating organic material waste from other waste,  
14 subscribing to a service that includes organic material waste  
15 collection and organic materials management, and using such a service  
16 for organic material waste generated by the business;

17 (b) Managing its organic material waste on-site or self-hauling  
18 its own organic material waste for organic materials management;

19 (c) Qualifying for exclusion from the requirements of this  
20 section consistent with subsection (1)(b) of this section.

21 (4)(a) A business generating organic material waste shall arrange  
22 for any services required by this section in a manner that is  
23 consistent with state and local laws and requirements applicable to  
24 the collection, handling, or recycling of solid and organic material  
25 waste.

26 (b) Nothing in this section requires a business to dispose of  
27 materials in a manner that conflicts with federal or state public  
28 health or safety requirements. Nothing in this section requires  
29 businesses to dispose of wastes generated in exceptional volumes as a  
30 result of a natural disaster or other infrequent and unpreventable  
31 event through the options established in subsection (3) of this  
32 section.

33 (5) When arranging for gardening or landscaping services, the  
34 contract or work agreement between a business subject to this section  
35 and a gardening or landscaping service must require that the organic  
36 material waste generated by those services be managed in compliance  
37 with this chapter.

38 (6)(a) This section does not limit the authority of a local  
39 governmental agency to adopt, implement, or enforce a local organic  
40 material waste recycling requirement, or a condition imposed upon a

1 self-hauler, that is more stringent or comprehensive than the  
2 requirements of this chapter.

3 (b) This section does not modify, limit, or abrogate in any  
4 manner any of the following:

5 (i) A franchise granted or extended by a city, county, city and  
6 county, or other local governmental agency;

7 (ii) A contract, license, certificate, or permit to collect solid  
8 waste previously granted or extended by a city, county, city and  
9 county, or other local governmental agency;

10 (iii) The right of a business to sell or donate its organic  
11 materials; and

12 (iv) A certificate of convenience and necessity issued to a solid  
13 waste collection company under chapter 81.77 RCW.

14 (c) Nothing in this section modifies, limits, or abrogates the  
15 authority of a local jurisdiction with respect to land use, zoning,  
16 or facility siting decisions by or within that local jurisdiction.

17 (d) Nothing in this section changes or limits the authority of  
18 the Washington utilities and transportation commission to regulate  
19 collection of solid waste, including curbside collection of  
20 residential recyclable materials, nor does this section change or  
21 limit the authority of a city or town to provide the service itself  
22 or by contract under RCW 81.77.020.

23 (7) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
24 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

25 (a)(i) "Business" means a commercial or public entity including,  
26 but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint stock  
27 company, corporation, or association that is organized as a for-  
28 profit or nonprofit entity.

29 (ii) "Business" does not include a multifamily residential  
30 entity.

31 (b) "Food waste" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
32 70A.205.715.

33 **PART 3**  
34 **Updates to the Washington Good Samaritan Act**

35 **Sec. 301.** RCW 69.80.031 and 1994 c 299 s 36 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) This section may be cited as the "good samaritan food  
38 donation act."

1           (2) (~~As used in this section:~~) The definitions in this  
2 subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly  
3 requires otherwise.

4           (a) "Apparently fit grocery product" means a grocery product that  
5 meets (~~all quality and~~) safety and safety-related labeling  
6 standards imposed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations  
7 even though the product may not be readily marketable due to  
8 appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, passage of a date  
9 on a date label other than a safety or safety-related labeling of a  
10 date, or other conditions.

11           (b) "Apparently wholesome food" means food that meets (~~all~~  
12 ~~quality and~~) safety and safety-related labeling standards imposed by  
13 federal, state, and local laws and regulations even though the food  
14 may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness,  
15 grade, size, surplus, passage of a date on a date label other than a  
16 safety or safety-related labeling of a date, or other conditions.

17           (c) "Donate" means to give without requiring anything of monetary  
18 value from the recipient, except that the term shall include giving  
19 by a nonprofit organization to another nonprofit organization,  
20 notwithstanding that the donor organization has charged a nominal fee  
21 to the donee organization, if the ultimate recipient or user is not  
22 required to give anything of monetary value or is charged only a good  
23 samaritan reduced price.

24           (d) "Food" means a raw, cooked, processed, or prepared edible  
25 substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use in  
26 whole or in part for human consumption.

27           (e) "Gleaner" means a person who harvests for free distribution  
28 to the needy, or for donation to a nonprofit organization for  
29 ultimate distribution to the needy, an agricultural crop that has  
30 been donated by the owner.

31           (f) "Good samaritan reduced price" means the price of an  
32 apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that  
33 is an amount not greater than the cost of handling, administering,  
34 and distributing the apparently wholesome food or apparently fit  
35 grocery product.

36           (g) "Grocery product" means a nonfood grocery product, including  
37 a disposable paper or plastic product, household cleaning product,  
38 laundry detergent, cleaning product, or miscellaneous household item.

39           (~~(g)~~) (h) "Gross negligence" means voluntary and conscious  
40 conduct by a person with knowledge, at the time of the conduct, that

1 the conduct is likely to be harmful to the health or well-being of  
2 another person.

3 ~~((h))~~ (i) "Intentional misconduct" means conduct by a person  
4 with knowledge, at the time of the conduct, that the conduct is  
5 harmful to the health or well-being of another person.

6 ~~((i))~~ (j) "Nonprofit organization" means an incorporated or  
7 unincorporated entity that:

8 (i) Is operating for religious, charitable, or educational  
9 purposes; and

10 (ii) Does not provide net earnings to, or operate in any other  
11 manner that inures to the benefit of, any officer, employee, or  
12 shareholder of the entity.

13 ~~((j))~~ (k) "Person" means an individual, corporation,  
14 partnership, organization, association, or governmental entity,  
15 including a retail grocer, wholesaler, hotel, motel, manufacturer,  
16 restaurant, caterer, farmer, and nonprofit food distributor or  
17 hospital. In the case of a corporation, partnership, organization,  
18 association, or governmental entity, the term includes an officer,  
19 director, partner, deacon, trustee, councilmember, or other elected  
20 or appointed individual responsible for the governance of the entity.

21 (l) "Qualified direct donor" means any person required to obtain  
22 a food establishment permit under chapter 246-215 WAC, as it existed  
23 as of January 1, 2022, including a retail grocer, wholesaler,  
24 agricultural producer, restaurant, caterer, school food authority, or  
25 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

26 (m)(i) "Safety and safety-related labeling" means a marking  
27 intended to communicate information to a consumer related to a food  
28 product's safety. "Safety and safety-related labeling" includes any  
29 marking that federal or state law requires to be affixed to a food  
30 product including, but not limited to, markings placed on infant  
31 formula consistent with 21 C.F.R. Sec. 107.20, as that regulation  
32 existed as of January 1, 2021.

33 (ii) "Safety and safety-related labeling" does not include a pull  
34 date required to be placed on perishable packaged food under RCW  
35 15.130.300 or a "best by," "best if used by," "use by," or "sell by"  
36 date or similarly phrased date intended to communicate information to  
37 a consumer regarding the freshness or quality of a food product.

38 (3) (a) A person or gleaner is not subject to civil or criminal  
39 liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of  
40 apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that

1 the person or gleaner donates in good faith or sells at a good  
2 samaritan reduced price to a nonprofit organization for ultimate sale  
3 at a good samaritan reduced price, donation, or other distribution to  
4 needy individuals, except that this subsection does not apply to an  
5 injury to or death of an ultimate user or recipient of the food or  
6 grocery product that results from an act or omission of the donor  
7 constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

8 (b) A qualified direct donor may donate food directly to end  
9 recipients for consumption. A qualified direct donor is not subject  
10 to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age,  
11 packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently  
12 fit grocery product that the qualified direct donor donates in good  
13 faith or sells at a good samaritan reduced price to a needy  
14 individual. The donation of nonperishable food that is fit for human  
15 consumption, but that has exceeded the labeled shelf-life date  
16 recommended by the manufacturer, is an activity covered by the  
17 exclusion from civil or criminal liability under this section.

18 (c) The donation of perishable food that is fit for human  
19 consumption, but that has exceeded the labeled shelf-life date  
20 recommended by the manufacturer, is an activity covered by the  
21 exclusion from civil or criminal liability under this section if the  
22 person that distributes the food to the end recipient makes a good  
23 faith evaluation that the food to be donated is wholesome.

24 (4) A person who allows the collection or gleaning of donations  
25 on property owned or occupied by the person by gleaners, or paid or  
26 unpaid representatives of a nonprofit organization, for ultimate  
27 distribution to needy individuals is not subject to civil or criminal  
28 liability that arises due to the injury or death of the gleaner or  
29 representative, except that this subsection does not apply to an  
30 injury or death that results from an act or omission of the person  
31 constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

32 (5) If some or all of the donated food and grocery products do  
33 not meet (~~(all quality and)~~) safety and safety-related labeling  
34 standards imposed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations,  
35 the person or gleaner who donates the food and grocery products is  
36 not subject to civil or criminal liability in accordance with this  
37 section if the nonprofit organization or other end recipient that  
38 receives the donated food or grocery products:

39 (a) Is informed by the donor of the distressed or defective  
40 condition of the donated food or grocery products;



1 (b) Agrees to recondition the donated food or grocery products to  
2 comply with all the (~~quality and~~) safety and safety-related  
3 labeling standards prior to distribution; and

4 (c) Is knowledgeable of the standards to properly recondition the  
5 donated food or grocery product.

6 (6) This section may not be construed to create liability.

7 **PART 4**

8 **Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management**

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401.** The definitions in this section apply  
10 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
11 otherwise.

12 (1) "Center" means the Washington center for sustainable food  
13 management.

14 (2) "Department" means the department of ecology.

15 (3) "Organic material" has the same definition as provided in RCW  
16 70A.205.015.

17 (4) "Plan" means the use food well Washington plan developed  
18 under RCW 70A.205.715.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 402.** (1) The Washington center for  
20 sustainable food management is established within the department, to  
21 begin operations by January 1, 2024.

22 (2) The purpose of the center is to help coordinate statewide  
23 food waste reduction.

24 (3) The center may perform the following activities:

25 (a) Coordinate the implementation of the plan;

26 (b) Draft plan updates and measure progress towards actions,  
27 strategies, and the statewide goals established in section 101 of  
28 this act and RCW 70A.205.715(1);

29 (c) Maintain a website with current food waste reduction  
30 information and guidance for food service establishments, consumers,  
31 food processors, hunger relief organizations, and other sources of  
32 food waste;

33 (d) Provide staff support to multistate food waste reduction  
34 initiatives in which the state is participating;

35 (e) Maintain the consistency of the plan and other food waste  
36 reduction activities with the work of the Washington state  
37 conservation commission's food policy forum;

1 (f) Facilitate and coordinate public-private and nonprofit  
2 partnerships focused on food waste reduction, including through  
3 voluntary working groups;

4 (g) Collaborate with federal, state, and local government  
5 partners on food waste reduction initiatives;

6 (h) Develop and maintain maps or lists of locations of the food  
7 systems of Washington that identify food flows, where waste occurs,  
8 and opportunities to prevent food waste;

9 (i)(i) Collect and maintain data on food waste and wasted food in  
10 a manner that is generally consistent with the methods of collecting  
11 and maintaining such data used by federal agencies or in other  
12 jurisdictions, or both, to the greatest extent practicable;

13 (ii) Develop measurement methodologies and tools to uniformly  
14 track food donation data, food waste prevention data, and associated  
15 climate impacts resultant from food waste reduction efforts;

16 (j) Research and develop emerging organic materials and food  
17 waste reduction markets;

18 (k)(i) Develop and maintain statewide food waste reduction and  
19 food waste contamination reduction campaigns, in consultation with  
20 other state agencies and other stakeholders, including the  
21 development of waste prevention and food waste recovery promotional  
22 materials for distribution. These promotional materials may include  
23 online information, newsletters, bulletins, or handouts that inform  
24 food service establishment operators about the protections from civil  
25 and criminal liability under federal law and under RCW 69.80.031 when  
26 donating food; and

27 (ii) Develop guidance to support the distribution of promotional  
28 materials, including distribution by:

29 (A) Local health officers, at no cost to regulated food service  
30 establishments, including as part of normal, routine inspections of  
31 food service establishments; and

32 (B) State agencies, including the department of health and the  
33 department of agriculture, in conjunction with their statutory roles  
34 and responsibilities in regulating, monitoring, and supporting safe  
35 food supply chains and systems;

36 (l) Distribute and monitor grants dedicated to food waste  
37 prevention, rescue, and recovery; and

38 (m) Research and provide education, outreach, and technical  
39 assistance to local governments in support of the adoption of solid  
40 waste ordinances or policies that establish a financial disincentive

1 for the generation of organic waste and for the ultimate disposal of  
2 organic materials in landfills.

3 (4) The department may enter into an interagency agreement with  
4 the department of health, the department of agriculture, or other  
5 state agencies as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the  
6 center.

7 (5) The department may adopt any rules necessary to implement  
8 this chapter including, but not limited to, measures for the center's  
9 performance.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** A new section is added to chapter  
11 70A.205 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) In order to obtain data as necessary to support the goals of  
13 the Washington center for sustainable food management created in  
14 section 402 of this act and to achieve the goals of RCW  
15 70A.205.715(1), the department may establish a voluntary reporting  
16 protocol for the receipt of reports by businesses that donate food  
17 under RCW 69.80.031 and recipients of the donated food, and may  
18 encourage the use of this voluntary reporting protocol by the  
19 businesses and recipients. The department may also request that a  
20 donating business or recipient of donated food provide information to  
21 the department regarding the volumes, types, and timing of food  
22 managed by the donating facility or business, and food waste and  
23 wasted food generated by the donating facility or business. To the  
24 extent practicable, the department must seek to obtain information  
25 under this section in a manner compatible with any information  
26 reported to the department of agriculture under RCW 43.23.290, and in  
27 a manner that minimizes the reporting and information-provision  
28 burdens of donating businesses and recipients.

29 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, "food waste" and "wasted  
30 food" have the same meaning as defined in RCW 70A.205.715.

31 **Sec. 404.** RCW 69.80.040 and 1983 c 241 s 4 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 The department of agriculture shall maintain an information and  
34 referral service for persons and organizations that have notified the  
35 department of their desire to participate in the food donation  
36 program under this chapter. The department must coordinate with the  
37 department of ecology to ensure that the information and referral

1 service required under this section is implemented in a manner  
2 consistent with the activities of sections 402 and 403 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 405.** (1) By January 1, 2025, and in  
4 consultation with the office of the attorney general, the department  
5 must research and adopt several model ordinances for optional use by  
6 counties and cities that provide for model mechanisms for commercial  
7 solid waste collection and disposal that are designed, in part, to  
8 establish a financial disincentive or other disincentives for the  
9 generation of organic waste and for the ultimate disposal of organic  
10 materials in landfills. The model ordinances must be designed to  
11 provide options that might be preferred by jurisdictions of different  
12 sizes and consider other key criteria applicable to local solid waste  
13 management circumstances.

14 (2) (a) The department must review the model ordinances created in  
15 this section under the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW.

16 (b) A county or city that adopts a model ordinance created by the  
17 department under this section and that has been reviewed by the  
18 department under the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW is not required  
19 to review the ordinance under the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW.

20 (3) No city, town, or county is required to adopt the model  
21 ordinances created in this section.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 406.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 Amendments to regulations and other nonproject actions taken by a  
25 city or county to adopt or implement the model ordinance created by  
26 the department under section 405 of this act is not subject to the  
27 requirements of this chapter.

## 28 **PART 5**

### 29 **Funding and Incentives for Methane Emissions Reduction Activities** 30 **Associated with Organic Materials Management**

31 **Sec. 501.** RCW 89.08.615 and 2020 c 351 s 3 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 (1) The commission shall develop a sustainable farms and fields  
34 grant program in consultation with the department of agriculture,  
35 Washington State University, and the United States department of  
36 agriculture natural resources conservation service.

1 (2) As funding allows, the commission shall distribute funds, as  
2 appropriate, to conservation districts and other public entities to  
3 help implement the projects approved by the commission.

4 (3) No more than (~~fifteen~~) 15 percent of the funds may be used  
5 by the commission to develop, or to consult or contract with private  
6 or public entities, such as universities or conservation districts,  
7 to develop:

8 (a) An educational public awareness campaign and outreach about  
9 the sustainable farm and field program; or

10 (b) The grant program, including the production of analytical  
11 tools, measurement estimation and verification methods, cost-benefit  
12 measurements, and public reporting methods.

13 (4) No more than five percent of the funds may be used by the  
14 commission to cover the administrative costs of the program.

15 (5) No more than (~~twenty~~) 20 percent of the funds may be  
16 awarded to any single grant applicant.

17 (6) Allowable uses of grant funds include:

18 (a) Annual payments to enrolled participants for successfully  
19 delivered carbon storage or reduction;

20 (b) Up-front payments for contracted carbon storage;

21 (c) Down payments on equipment;

22 (d) Purchases of equipment;

23 (e) Purchase of seed, seedlings, spores, animal feed, and  
24 amendments;

25 (f) Services to landowners, such as the development of site-  
26 specific conservation plans to increase soil organic levels or to  
27 increase usage of precision agricultural practices, or design and  
28 implementation of best management practices to reduce livestock  
29 emissions; (~~and~~)

30 (g) The purchase of compost spreading equipment, or financial  
31 assistance to farmers to purchase compost spreading equipment, for  
32 the annual use for at least three years of volumes of compost  
33 determined by the commission to be significant from materials  
34 composted at a site that is not owned or operated by the farmer;

35 (h) Scientific studies to evaluate and quantify the greenhouse  
36 gas emissions avoided as a result of using crop residues as a biofuel  
37 feedstock or to identify management practices that increase the  
38 greenhouse gas emissions avoided as a result of using crop residues  
39 as a biofuel feedstock;

1 (i) Efforts to support the farm use of anaerobic digester  
2 digestate, including scientific studies, education and outreach to  
3 farmers, and the purchase or lease of digestate spreading equipment;  
4 and

5 (j) Other equipment purchases or financial assistance deemed  
6 appropriate by the commission to fulfill the intent of RCW 89.08.610  
7 through 89.08.635.

8 (7) Grant applications are eligible for costs associated with  
9 technical assistance.

10 (8) Conservation districts and other public entities may apply  
11 for a single grant from the commission that serves multiple farmers.

12 (9) Grant applicants may apply to share equipment purchased with  
13 grant funds. Applicants for equipment purchase grants issued under  
14 this grant program may be farm, ranch, or aquaculture operations  
15 coordinating as individual businesses or as formal cooperative  
16 ventures serving farm, ranch, or aquaculture operations. Conservation  
17 districts, separately or jointly, may also apply for grant funds to  
18 operate an equipment sharing program.

19 (10) No contract for carbon storage or changes to management  
20 practices may exceed (~~twenty-five~~) 25 years. Grant contracts that  
21 include up-front payments for future benefits must be conditioned to  
22 include penalties for default due to negligence on the part of the  
23 recipient.

24 (11) The commission shall attempt to achieve a geographically  
25 fair distribution of funds across a broad group of crop types, soil  
26 management practices, and farm sizes.

27 (12) Any applications involving state lands leased from the  
28 department of natural resources must include the department's  
29 approval.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 502. A new section is added to chapter 15.04  
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for  
33 this specific purpose, the department must establish and implement a  
34 compost reimbursement program to reimburse farming operations in the  
35 state for purchasing and using compost products that were not  
36 generated by the farming operation, including transportation,  
37 spreading equipment, labor, fuel, and maintenance costs associated  
38 with spreading equipment. The grant reimbursements under the program  
39 begin July 1, 2023.

1 (b) For the purposes of this program, "farming operation" means:  
2 A commercial agricultural, silvicultural, or aquacultural facility or  
3 pursuit, including the care and production of livestock and livestock  
4 products, poultry and poultry products, apiary products, and plant  
5 and animal production for nonfood uses; the planting, cultivating,  
6 harvesting, and processing of crops; and the farming or ranching of  
7 any plant or animal species in a controlled salt, brackish, or  
8 freshwater environment.

9 (2) To be eligible to participate in the reimbursement program, a  
10 farming operation must complete an eligibility review with the  
11 department prior to transporting or applying any compost products for  
12 which reimbursement is sought under this section. The purpose of the  
13 review is for the department to ensure that the proposed transport  
14 and application of compost products is consistent with the  
15 department's agricultural pest control rules established under  
16 chapter 17.24 RCW. A farming operation must also verify that it will  
17 allow soil sampling to be conducted by the department upon request  
18 before compost application and until at least 10 years after the last  
19 grant funding is used by the farming operation, as necessary to  
20 establish a baseline of soil quality and carbon storage and for  
21 subsequent department evaluations to assist the department's  
22 reporting requirements under subsection (8) of this section.

23 (3) The department must create a form for eligible farming  
24 operations to apply for cost reimbursement for costs from purchasing  
25 and using compost from facilities with solid waste handling permits,  
26 including transportation, equipment, spreading, and labor costs. All  
27 applications for cost reimbursement must be submitted on the form  
28 along with invoices, receipts, or other documentation acceptable to  
29 the department of the costs of purchasing and using compost products  
30 for which the applicant is requesting reimbursement, as well as a  
31 brief description of what each purchased item will be used for. The  
32 department may request that an applicant provide information to  
33 verify the source, size, sale weight, or amount of compost products  
34 purchased and the cost of transportation, equipment, spreading, and  
35 labor. The applicant must also declare that it is not seeking  
36 reimbursement for purchase or labor costs for:

- 37 (a) Its own compost products; or
- 38 (b) Compost products that it has transferred, or intends to  
39 transfer, to another individual or entity, whether or not for  
40 compensation.

1 (4) A farming operation may submit only one application per  
2 fiscal year in which the program is in effect for purchases made and  
3 usage costs incurred during the fiscal year that begins on July 1st  
4 and ends on June 30th. Applications for reimbursement must be filed  
5 before the end of the fiscal year in which purchases were made and  
6 usage costs incurred.

7 (5) The department must distribute reimbursement funds, subject  
8 to the following limitations:

9 (a) A farming operation is not eligible to receive reimbursement  
10 if the farming operation's application was not found eligible for  
11 reimbursement by the department under subsection (2) of this section  
12 prior to the transport or use of compost;

13 (b) A farming operation is not eligible to receive reimbursement  
14 for more than 50 percent of the costs it incurs each fiscal year for  
15 the purchase and use of compost products, including transportation,  
16 equipment, spreading, and labor costs;

17 (c) A farming operation is not eligible to receive more than  
18 \$10,000 per fiscal year;

19 (d) A farming operation is not eligible to receive reimbursement  
20 for its own compost products or compost products that it has  
21 transferred, or intends to transfer, to another individual or entity,  
22 whether or not for compensation; and

23 (e) A farming operation is not eligible to receive reimbursement  
24 for compost products that were not purchased from a facility with a  
25 solid waste handling permit.

26 (6) The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the state and  
27 its officers, agents, and employees from all claims arising out of or  
28 resulting from the compost products purchased that are subject to the  
29 compost reimbursement program under this section.

30 (7) There is established within the department a compost  
31 reimbursement program manager position. The compost reimbursement  
32 program manager must possess knowledge and expertise in the area of  
33 program management necessary to carry out the duties of the position,  
34 which are to:

35 (a) Facilitate the division and distribution of available costs  
36 for reimbursement; and

37 (b) Manage the day-to-day coordination of the compost  
38 reimbursement program.

39 (8) In compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the department must submit  
40 an annual report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by



1 January 15th of each year of the program in which grants have been  
2 issued or completed. The report must include:

3 (a) The amount of compost for which reimbursement was sought  
4 under the program;

5 (b) The qualitative or quantitative effects of the program on  
6 soil quality and carbon storage; and

7 (c) A periodically updated evaluation of the benefits and costs  
8 to the state of expanding or furthering the strategies promoted in  
9 the program.

10 **Sec. 503.** RCW 43.155.020 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 10 s 2 are each  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
13 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) "Board" means the public works board created in RCW  
15 43.155.030.

16 (2) "Capital facility plan" means a capital facility plan  
17 required by the growth management act under chapter 36.70A RCW or,  
18 for local governments not fully planning under the growth management  
19 act, a plan required by the public works board.

20 (3) "Department" means the department of commerce.

21 (4) "Financing guarantees" means the pledge of money in the  
22 public works assistance account, or money to be received by the  
23 public works assistance account, to the repayment of all or a portion  
24 of the principal of or interest on obligations issued by local  
25 governments to finance public works projects.

26 (5) "Local governments" means cities, towns, counties, special  
27 purpose districts, and any other municipal corporations or quasi-  
28 municipal corporations in the state excluding school districts and  
29 port districts.

30 (6) "Public works project" means a project of a local government  
31 for the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction,  
32 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets and roads,  
33 bridges, water systems, or storm and sanitary sewage systems, lead  
34 remediation of drinking water systems, and solid waste facilities,  
35 including recycling facilities and composting and other organic  
36 materials management facilities. A planning project may include the  
37 compilation of biological, hydrological, or other data on a county,  
38 drainage basin, or region necessary to develop a base of information  
39 for a capital facility plan.

1 (7) "Solid waste or recycling project" means remedial actions  
2 necessary to bring abandoned or closed landfills into compliance with  
3 regulatory requirements and the repair, restoration, and replacement  
4 of existing solid waste transfer, recycling facilities, and landfill  
5 projects limited to the opening of landfill cells that are in  
6 existing and permitted landfills.

7 (8) "Technical assistance" means training and other services  
8 provided to local governments to: (a) Help such local governments  
9 plan, apply, and qualify for loans, grants, and financing guarantees  
10 from the board, and (b) help local governments improve their ability  
11 to plan for, finance, acquire, construct, repair, replace,  
12 rehabilitate, and maintain public facilities.

13 (9) "Value planning" means a uniform approach to assist in  
14 decision making through systematic evaluation of potential  
15 alternatives to solving an identified problem.

16 **PART 6**

17 **Organic Materials Management Facility Siting**

18 **Sec. 601.** RCW 36.70.330 and 1985 c 126 s 3 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 The comprehensive plan shall consist of a map or maps, and  
21 descriptive text covering objectives, principles and standards used  
22 to develop it, and shall include each of the following elements:

23 (1) A land use element which designates the proposed general  
24 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land for  
25 agriculture, housing, commerce, industry, recreation, education,  
26 public buildings and lands, and other categories of public and  
27 private use of land, including a statement of the standards of  
28 population density and building intensity recommended for the various  
29 areas in the jurisdiction and estimates of future population growth  
30 in the area covered by the comprehensive plan, all correlated with  
31 the land use element of the comprehensive plan. The land use element  
32 shall also provide for protection of the quality and quantity of  
33 groundwater used for public water supplies and shall review drainage,  
34 flooding, and stormwater runoff in the area and nearby jurisdictions  
35 and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse  
36 those discharges that pollute Puget Sound or waters entering Puget  
37 Sound. Development regulations to implement comprehensive plans that  
38 are newly developed, updated, or amended after January 1, 2025, must

1 allow for the siting of organic materials management facilities in  
2 the areas identified in RCW 70A.205.040(3)(a)(i) to the extent  
3 necessary to provide for the establishment of the organic materials  
4 management volumetric capacity identified under RCW  
5 70A.205.040(3)(a)(ii);

6 (2) A circulation element consisting of the general location,  
7 alignment and extent of major thoroughfares, major transportation  
8 routes, trunk utility lines, and major terminal facilities, all of  
9 which shall be correlated with the land use element of the  
10 comprehensive plan;

11 (3) Any supporting maps, diagrams, charts, descriptive material  
12 and reports necessary to explain and supplement the above elements.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 602. A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 Development regulations to implement comprehensive plans that are  
16 newly developed, updated, or amended after January 1, 2025, must  
17 allow for the siting of organic materials management facilities in  
18 the areas identified in RCW 70A.205.040(3)(a)(i) to the extent  
19 necessary to provide for the establishment of the organic materials  
20 management volumetric capacity identified under RCW  
21 70A.205.040(3)(a)(ii).

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 603. A new section is added to chapter 35.63  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 Development regulations to implement comprehensive plans under  
25 RCW 35.63.100 that are newly developed, updated, or amended after  
26 January 1, 2025, must allow for the siting of organic materials  
27 management facilities in the areas identified by the county in which  
28 the city is located under RCW 70A.205.040(3)(a)(i) to the extent  
29 necessary to provide for the establishment of the organic materials  
30 management volumetric capacity identified under RCW  
31 70A.205.040(3)(a)(ii).

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 604. A new section is added to chapter 35A.63  
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 Development regulations to implement comprehensive plans required  
35 under RCW 35A.63.060 that are newly developed, updated, or amended  
36 after January 1, 2025, must allow for the siting of organic materials  
37 management facilities in the areas identified by the county in which

1 the city is located under RCW 70A.205.040(3)(a)(i) to the extent  
2 necessary to provide for the establishment of the organic materials  
3 management volumetric capacity identified under RCW  
4 70A.205.040(3)(a)(ii).

5 **PART 7**

6 **Organic Materials Procurement**

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 701.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19A  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By January 1, 2023, the following cities or counties shall  
10 adopt a compost procurement ordinance to implement RCW 43.19A.120:

11 (a) Each city or county with a population greater than 25,000  
12 residents as measured by the office of financial management using the  
13 most recent population data available; and

14 (b) Each city or county in which organic material collection  
15 services are provided under chapter 70A.205 RCW.

16 (2) A city or county that newly exceeds a population of 25,000  
17 residents after January 1, 2023, as measured by the office of  
18 financial management, must adopt an ordinance under this subsection  
19 no later than 12 months after the office of financial management's  
20 determination that the local government's population has exceeded  
21 25,000.

22 (3) In developing a compost procurement ordinance, each city and  
23 county shall plan for the use of compost in the following categories:

24 (a) Landscaping projects;

25 (b) Construction and postconstruction soil amendments;

26 (c) Applications to prevent erosion, filter stormwater runoff,  
27 promote vegetation growth, or improve the stability and longevity of  
28 roadways; and

29 (d) Low-impact development and green infrastructure to filter  
30 pollutants or keep water on-site, or both.

31 (4) Each city or county that adopts an ordinance under subsection  
32 (1) or (2) of this section must develop strategies to inform  
33 residents about the value of compost and how the jurisdiction uses  
34 compost in its operations in the jurisdiction's comprehensive solid  
35 waste management plan pursuant to RCW 70A.205.045.

36 (5) By December 31, 2024, and each December 31st of even-numbered  
37 years thereafter, each city or county that adopts an ordinance under  
38 subsection (1) or (2) of this section must submit a report covering

1 the previous year's compost procurement activities to the department  
2 of ecology that contains the following information:

3 (a) The total tons of organic material diverted throughout the  
4 year;

5 (b) The volume and cost of compost purchased throughout the year;  
6 and

7 (c) The source or sources of the compost.

8 (6) Cities and counties that are required to adopt an ordinance  
9 under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall give priority to  
10 purchasing compost products from companies that produce compost  
11 products locally, are certified by a nationally recognized  
12 organization, and produce compost products that are derived from  
13 municipal solid waste compost programs and meet quality standards  
14 comparable to standards adopted by the department of transportation  
15 or adopted by rule by the department of ecology.

16 (7) Cities and counties may enter into collective purchasing  
17 agreements if doing so is more cost-effective or efficient.

18 (8) Nothing in this section requires a compost processor to:

19 (a) Enter into a purchasing agreement with a city or county;

20 (b) Sell finished compost to meet this requirement; or

21 (c) Accept or process food waste or compostable products.

22 **Sec. 702.** RCW 39.30.040 and 2013 c 24 s 1 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Whenever a unit of local government is required to make  
25 purchases from the lowest bidder or from the supplier offering the  
26 lowest price for the items desired to be purchased, the unit of local  
27 government may, at its option when awarding a purchase contract, take  
28 into consideration tax revenue it would receive from purchasing the  
29 supplies, materials, or equipment from a supplier located within its  
30 boundaries. The unit of local government must award the purchase  
31 contract to the lowest bidder after such tax revenue has been  
32 considered. However, any local government may allow for preferential  
33 purchase of products made from recycled materials or products that  
34 may be recycled or reused. Any local government may allow for  
35 preferential purchase of compost to meet the requirements of RCW  
36 43.19A.120. Any unit of local government which considers tax revenue  
37 it would receive from the imposition of taxes upon a supplier located  
38 within its boundaries must also consider tax revenue it would receive  
39 from taxes it imposes upon a supplier located outside its boundaries.

1 (2) A unit of local government may award a contract to a bidder  
2 submitting the lowest bid before taxes are applied. The unit of local  
3 government must provide notice of its intent to award a contract  
4 based on this method prior to bids being submitted. For the purposes  
5 of this subsection (2), "taxes" means only those taxes that are  
6 included in "tax revenue" as defined in this section.

7 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
8 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (a) "Tax revenue" means sales taxes that units of local  
10 government impose upon the sale of supplies, materials, or equipment  
11 from the supplier to units of local government, and business and  
12 occupation taxes that units of local government impose upon the  
13 supplier that are measured by the gross receipts of the supplier from  
14 the sale.

15 (b) "Unit of local government" means any county, city, town,  
16 metropolitan municipal corporation, public transit benefit area,  
17 county transportation authority, or other municipal or quasi-  
18 municipal corporation authorized to impose sales and use taxes or  
19 business and occupation taxes.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 703.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19A  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 A contract by a local government or state agency must require the  
23 use of compost products to the maximum extent economically feasible  
24 to meet the requirements established in RCW 43.19A.120.

## 25 **PART 8**

### 26 **Product Degradability Labeling**

27 **Sec. 801.** RCW 70A.455.010 and 2019 c 265 s 1 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The legislature finds and declares that it is the public  
30 policy of the state that:

31 (a) Environmental marketing claims for plastic products, whether  
32 implicit or implied, should adhere to uniform and recognized  
33 standards for "compostability" and "biodegradability," since  
34 misleading, confusing, and deceptive labeling can negatively impact  
35 local composting programs and compost processors. Plastic products  
36 marketed as being "compostable" should be readily and easily  
37 identifiable as meeting these standards;

1 (b) Legitimate and responsible packaging and plastic product  
2 manufacturers are already properly labeling their compostable  
3 products, but many manufacturers are not. Not all compost facilities  
4 and their associated processing technologies accept or are required  
5 to accept compostable packaging as feedstocks. However, implementing  
6 a standardized system and test methods may create the ability for  
7 them to take these products in the future.

8 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to authorize  
9 the (~~state's attorney general and local governments~~) department of  
10 ecology, cities, and counties to pursue false or misleading  
11 environmental claims and "greenwashing" for plastic products claiming  
12 to be "compostable" or "biodegradable" when in fact they are not.

13 **Sec. 802.** RCW 70A.455.020 and 2019 c 265 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
16 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "ASTM" means the American society for testing and materials.

18 (2) "Biodegradable mulch film" means film plastic used as a  
19 technical tool in commercial farming applications that biodegrades in  
20 soil after being used, and:

21 (a) The film product fulfills plant growth and regulated metals  
22 requirements of ASTM D6400; and

23 (b) (i) Meets the requirements of Vincotte's "OK Biodegradable  
24 Soil" certification scheme, as that certification existed as of  
25 January 1, 2019;

26 (ii) At ambient temperatures and in soil, shows at least  
27 (~~ninety~~) 90 percent biodegradation absolute or relative to  
28 microcrystalline cellulose in less than two years' time, tested  
29 according to ISO 17556 or ASTM 5988 standard test methods, as those  
30 test methods existed as of January 1, 2019; or

31 (iii) Meets the requirements of EN 17033 "plastics-biodegradable  
32 mulch films for use in agriculture and horticulture" as it existed on  
33 January 1, 2019.

34 (3) "Federal trade commission guides" means the United States  
35 federal trade commission's guides for the use of environmental  
36 marketing claims (Part 260, commencing at section 260.1),  
37 compostability claims, including section 260.8, and degradation  
38 claims (subchapter B of chapter I of Title 16 of the Code of Federal  
39 Regulations), as those guides existed as of January 1, 2019.

1 (4) "Film product" means a bag, sack, wrap, or other sheet film  
2 product.

3 (5) ~~"Food service product" ((means a product including, but not  
4 limited to, containers, plates, bowls, cups, lids, meat trays,  
5 straws, deli rounds, cocktail picks, splash sticks, condiment  
6 packaging, clam shells and other hinged or lidded containers,  
7 sandwich wrap, utensils, sachets, portion cups, and other food  
8 service products that are intended for one-time use and used for food  
9 or drink offered for sale or use)) has the same meaning as defined in  
10 RCW 70A.245.010.~~

11 (6) ~~("Manufacturer" means a person, firm, association,  
12 partnership, or corporation that produces a product.~~

13 ~~(7))~~ "Person" means individual, firm, association,  
14 copartnership, political subdivision, government agency,  
15 municipality, industry, public or private corporation, or any other  
16 entity whatsoever.

17 ~~((8))~~ (7) "Plastic food packaging and food service products"  
18 means food packaging and food service products that is composed of:

19 (a) Plastic; or

20 (b) Fiber or paper with a plastic coating, window, component, or  
21 additive.

22 ~~((9))~~ (8) "Plastic product" means a product made of plastic,  
23 whether alone or in combination with another material including, but  
24 not limited to, paperboard. A plastic product includes, but is not  
25 limited to, any of the following:

26 (a) A product or part of a product that is used, bought, or  
27 leased for use by a person for any purpose;

28 (b) A package or a packaging component including, but not limited  
29 to, packaging peanuts;

30 (c) A film product; or

31 (d) Plastic food packaging and food service products.

32 ~~((10))~~ (9) "Standard specification" means either:

33 (a) ASTM D6400 - standard specification labeling of plastics  
34 designed to be aerobically composted in municipal or industrial  
35 facilities, as it existed as of January 1, 2019; or

36 (b) ASTM D6868 - standard specification for labeling of end items  
37 that incorporate plastics and polymers as coatings or additives with  
38 paper and other substrates designed to be aerobically composted in  
39 municipal or industrial facilities, as it existed as of January 1,  
40 2019.



1 ~~((11) (a))~~ "Supplier" means a person, firm, association,  
2 partnership, company, or corporation that sells, offers for sale,  
3 offers for promotional purposes, or takes title to a product.

4 ~~(b)~~ "Supplier" does not include a person, firm, association,  
5 partnership, company, or corporation that sells products to end users  
6 as a retailer.

7 ~~(12))~~ (10) "Utensil" means a product designed to be used by a  
8 consumer to facilitate the consumption of food or beverages,  
9 including knives, forks, spoons, cocktail picks, chopsticks, splash  
10 sticks, and stirrers.

11 (11) "Department" means the department of ecology.

12 (12) "Producer" means the following person responsible for  
13 compliance under this chapter for a product sold, offered for sale,  
14 or distributed in or into this state:

15 (a) If the product is sold under the manufacturer's own brand or  
16 lacks identification of a brand, the producer is the person who  
17 manufactures the product;

18 (b) If the product is manufactured by a person other than the  
19 brand owner, the producer is the person that is the licensee of a  
20 brand or trademark under which a product is used in a commercial  
21 enterprise, sold, offered for sale, or distributed in or into this  
22 state, whether or not the trademark is registered in this state,  
23 unless the manufacturer or brand owner of the product has agreed to  
24 accept responsibility under this chapter; or

25 (c) If there is no person described in (a) and (b) of this  
26 subsection over whom the state can constitutionally exercise  
27 jurisdiction, the producer is the person who imports or distributes  
28 the product in or into the state.

29 **Sec. 803.** RCW 70A.455.040 and 2019 c 265 s 4 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 ~~(1) ((a))~~ A product labeled as "compostable" that is sold,  
32 offered for sale, or distributed for use in Washington by a  
33 ~~((supplier or manufacturer))~~ producer must:

34 ~~((i))~~ (a) Meet ASTM standard specification D6400;

35 ~~((ii))~~ (b) Meet ASTM standard specification D6868; or

36 ~~((iii))~~ (c) Be comprised of wood, which includes renewable  
37 wood, or fiber-based substrate only;

38 ~~((b))~~ (2) A product described in ~~((a)(i) or (ii) of this))~~  
39 subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section must:

1       ~~((i))~~ (a) Meet labeling requirements established under the  
2 United States federal trade commission's guides; and  
3       ~~((ii))~~ (b) Feature labeling that:  
4       ~~((A))~~ (i) Meets industry standards for being distinguishable  
5 upon quick inspection in both public sorting areas and in processing  
6 facilities;  
7       ~~((B))~~ (ii) Uses a logo indicating the product has been  
8 certified by a recognized third-party independent verification body  
9 as meeting the ASTM standard specification; ~~(and~~  
10 ~~(C))~~ (iii) Displays the word "compostable," where possible,  
11 indicating the product has been tested by a recognized third-party  
12 independent body and meets the ASTM standard specification; and  
13 (iv) Uses green, beige, or brown labeling, color striping, or  
14 other green, beige, or brown symbols, colors, tinting, marks, or  
15 design patterns that help differentiate compostable items from  
16 noncompostable items.  
17       ~~((2) A compostable product described in subsection (1)(a)(i) or~~  
18 ~~(ii) of this section must be considered compliant with the~~  
19 ~~requirements of this section if it:~~  
20       ~~(a) Has green or brown labeling;~~  
21       ~~(b) Is labeled as compostable; and~~  
22       ~~(c) Uses distinctive color schemes, green or brown color~~  
23 ~~striping, or other adopted symbols, colors, marks, or design patterns~~  
24 ~~that help differentiate compostable items from noncompostable~~  
25 ~~materials.))~~

26       **Sec. 804.** RCW 70A.455.050 and 2019 c 265 s 5 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28       (1) A ~~((manufacturer or supplier))~~ producer of a film bag that  
29 meets ASTM standard specification D6400 and is distributed or sold by  
30 retailers must ensure that the film bag is readily and easily  
31 identifiable from other film bags in a manner that is consistent with  
32 the federal trade commission guides.

33       (2) For purposes of this section, "readily and easily  
34 identifiable" products must meet the following requirements:

35       (a) Be labeled with a certification logo indicating the bag meets  
36 the ASTM D6400 standard specification if the bag has been certified  
37 as meeting that standard by a recognized third-party independent  
38 verification body;

39       (b) Be labeled in accordance with one of the following:

1 (i) The bag is tinted or made of a uniform color of green, beige,  
2 or brown and labeled with the word "compostable" on one side of the  
3 bag and the label must be at least one inch in height; or

4 (ii) Be labeled with the word "compostable" on both sides of the  
5 bag and the label must be one of the following:

6 (A) Green, beige, or brown color lettering at least one inch in  
7 height; or

8 (B) Within a contrasting green, beige, or brown color band of at  
9 least one inch in height on both sides of the bag with color  
10 contrasting lettering of at least one-half inch in height; and

11 (c) Meet industry standards for being distinguishable upon quick  
12 inspection in both public sorting areas and in processing facilities.

13 (3) If a bag is smaller than (~~fourteen~~) 14 inches by  
14 (~~fourteen~~) 14 inches, the lettering and stripe required under  
15 subsection (2)(b)(ii) of this section must be in proportion to the  
16 size of the bag.

17 (4) A film bag that meets ASTM standard specification D6400 that  
18 is sold or distributed in this state may not display a chasing arrow  
19 resin identification code or recycling type of symbol in any form.

20 (5) A (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer is required to comply  
21 with this section only to the extent that the labeling requirements  
22 do not conflict with the federal trade commission guides.

23 **Sec. 805.** RCW 70A.455.060 and 2020 c 20 s 1446 are each amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 (1)(a) A (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer of plastic food  
26 service products or film products that meet ASTM standard  
27 specification D6400 or ASTM standard specification D6868 must ensure  
28 that the items are readily and easily identifiable from other plastic  
29 food service products or plastic film products in a manner that is  
30 consistent with the federal trade commission guides.

31 (b) Film bags are exempt from the requirements of this section,  
32 and are instead subject to the requirements of RCW 70A.455.050.

33 (2) For the purposes of this section, "readily and easily  
34 identifiable" products must:

35 (a) Be labeled with a logo indicating the product has been  
36 certified by a recognized third-party independent verification body  
37 as meeting the ASTM standard specification;

38 (b) Be labeled with the word "compostable," where possible,  
39 indicating the food packaging or film product has been tested by a

1 recognized third-party independent body and meets the ASTM standard  
2 specification; (~~and~~)

3 (c) Meet industry standards for being distinguishable upon quick  
4 inspection in both public sorting areas and in processing facilities;  
5 and

6 (d) Be at least partially colored or partially tinted green,  
7 beige, or brown.

8 (3) (~~A compostable product described in subsection (1) of this~~  
9 ~~section must be considered compliant with the requirements of this~~  
10 ~~section if it:~~

11 ~~(a) Has green or brown labeling;~~

12 ~~(b) Is labeled as compostable; and~~

13 ~~(c) Uses distinctive color schemes, green or brown color~~  
14 ~~striping, or other adopted symbols, colors, marks, or design patterns~~  
15 ~~that help differentiate compostable items from noncompostable~~  
16 ~~materials.~~

17 ~~(4))~~ It is encouraged that each product described in subsection  
18 (1) of this section(~~:~~

19 ~~(a) Display))~~ display labeling language via printing, embossing,  
20 or compostable adhesive stickers using, when possible, either the  
21 colors green, beige, or brown that contrast with background product  
22 color for easy identification(~~:~~~~or~~

23 ~~(b) Be tinted green or brown)).~~

24 (~~(5))~~ (4) Graphic elements are encouraged to increase  
25 legibility of the word "compostable" and overall product distinction  
26 that may include text boxes, stripes, bands, or a green, beige, or  
27 brown tint of the product.

28 (~~(6))~~ (5) A (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer is required  
29 to comply with this section only to the extent that the labeling  
30 requirements do not conflict with the federal trade commission  
31 guides.

32 **Sec. 806.** RCW 70A.455.070 and 2020 c 20 s 1447 are each amended  
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) A (~~manufacturer or supplier of film products or food service~~  
35 ~~products~~) producer of plastic film bags sold, offered for sale, or  
36 distributed for use in Washington that does not meet the applicable  
37 ASTM standard specifications provided in RCW 70A.455.050 (~~and~~  
38 ~~70A.455.060~~) is:

1       ~~((1))~~ (a) Prohibited from using tinting, color schemes,  
2 labeling, ~~((and))~~ or terms that are required of products that meet  
3 the applicable ASTM standard specifications under RCW 70A.455.050  
4 ~~((and 70A.455.060))~~;

5       ~~((2))~~ (b) Discouraged from using ~~((coloration,))~~ labeling,  
6 images, and terms that may reasonably be anticipated to confuse  
7 consumers into believing that noncompostable ~~((bags and food service~~  
8 ~~packaging))~~ products are compostable; and

9       ~~((3))~~ (c) Encouraged to use ~~((coloration,))~~ labeling, images,  
10 and terms to help consumers identify noncompostable bags ~~((and food~~  
11 ~~service packaging))~~ as either: ~~((a))~~ (i) Suitable for recycling; or  
12 ~~((b))~~ (ii) necessary to dispose as waste.

13       (2) A producer of food service products, or plastic film products  
14 other than plastic film bags subject to subsection (1) of this  
15 section, sold, offered for sale, or distributed for use in Washington  
16 that does not meet the applicable ASTM standard specifications  
17 provided in RCW 70A.455.060 is:

18       (a) Prohibited from using labeling, or terms that are required of  
19 products that meet the applicable ASTM standard specifications under  
20 RCW 70A.455.060;

21       (b) Discouraged from using labeling, images, and terms that may  
22 reasonably be anticipated to confuse consumers into believing that  
23 noncompostable products are compostable; and

24       (c) Encouraged to use tinting, coloration, labeling, images, and  
25 terms to help consumers identify film products and food service  
26 packaging as either: (i) Suitable for recycling; or (ii) necessary to  
27 dispose as waste.

28       **Sec. 807.** RCW 70A.455.080 and 2019 c 265 s 8 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30       (1) Upon the request by a person, including the department, a  
31 ~~((manufacturer or supplier))~~ producer shall submit to that person or  
32 the department, within ~~((ninety))~~ 90 days of the request,  
33 nonconfidential business information and documentation demonstrating  
34 compliance with this chapter, in a format that is easy to understand  
35 and scientifically accurate.

36       (2) Upon request by a commercial compost processing facility,  
37 ~~((manufacturers))~~ producers of compostable products are encouraged to  
38 provide the facility with information regarding the technical aspects  
39 of a commercial composting environment, such as heat or moisture, in

1 which the (~~manufacturer's~~) producer's product has been field tested  
2 and found to degrade.

3 **Sec. 808.** RCW 70A.455.090 and 2020 c 20 s 1448 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) (a) The (~~state, acting through the attorney general,~~)  
6 department and cities and counties have concurrent authority to  
7 enforce this chapter and to issue and collect civil penalties for a  
8 violation of this chapter, subject to the conditions in this section  
9 and RCW 70A.455.100. An enforcing government entity may impose a  
10 civil penalty in the amount of up to (~~two thousand dollars~~) \$2,000  
11 for the first violation of this chapter, up to (~~five thousand~~  
12 ~~dollars~~) \$5,000 for the second violation of this chapter, and up to  
13 (~~ten thousand dollars~~) \$10,000 for the third and any subsequent  
14 violation of this chapter. If a (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer  
15 has paid a prior penalty for the same violation to a different  
16 government entity with enforcement authority under this subsection,  
17 the penalty imposed by a government entity is reduced by the amount  
18 of the payment.

19 (b) The enforcement of this chapter must be based primarily on  
20 complaints filed with the department and cities and counties. The  
21 department must establish a forum for the filing of complaints.  
22 Cities, counties, or any person may file complaints with the  
23 department using the forum, and cities and counties may review  
24 complaints filed with the department via the forum. The forum  
25 established by the department may include a complaint form on the  
26 department's website, a telephone hotline, or a public outreach  
27 strategy relying upon electronic social media to receive complaints  
28 that allege violations. The department, in collaboration with the  
29 cities and counties, must provide education and outreach activities  
30 to inform retail establishments, consumers, and producers about the  
31 requirements of this chapter.

32 (2) (~~Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section must~~  
33 ~~be paid to the office of the city attorney, city prosecutor, district~~  
34 ~~attorney, or attorney general, whichever office brought the action.~~  
35 ~~Penalties collected by the attorney general on behalf of the state~~  
36 ~~must be deposited in the compostable products revolving account~~  
37 ~~created in RCW 70A.455.110)) Penalties issued by the department are  
38 appealable to the pollution control hearings board established in  
39 chapter 43.21B RCW.~~

1 (3) The remedies provided by this section are not exclusive and  
2 are in addition to the remedies that may be available pursuant to  
3 chapter 19.86 RCW or other consumer protection laws, if applicable.

4 (4) In addition to penalties recovered under this section, the  
5 enforcing (~~government entity~~) city or county may recover reasonable  
6 enforcement costs and attorneys' fees from the liable (~~manufacturer~~  
7 ~~or supplier~~) producer.

8 **Sec. 809.** RCW 70A.455.100 and 2020 c 20 s 1449 are each amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 (~~Manufacturers and suppliers~~) (1) Producers who violate the  
11 requirements of this chapter are subject to civil penalties described  
12 in RCW 70A.455.090. A specific violation is deemed to have occurred  
13 upon the sale of noncompliant product by stock-keeping unit number or  
14 unique item number. The repeated sale of the same noncompliant  
15 product by stock-keeping unit number or unique item number is  
16 considered a single violation. (~~A city, county, or the state~~)

17 (2) (a) A city or county enforcing a requirement of this chapter  
18 must send a written notice and a copy of the requirements to a  
19 noncompliant (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer of an alleged  
20 violation, who will have (~~ninety~~) 90 days to become compliant. (~~A~~  
21 ~~city, county, or the state may assess a first penalty if the~~  
22 ~~manufacturer or supplier has not met the requirements ninety days~~  
23 ~~following the date the notification was sent. A city, county, or the~~  
24 ~~state~~)

25 (b) A city or county enforcing a requirement of this chapter may  
26 assess a first penalty if the producer has not met the requirements  
27 90 days following the date the notification was sent. A city or  
28 county may impose second, third, and subsequent penalties on a  
29 (~~manufacturer or supplier~~) producer that remains noncompliant with  
30 the requirements of this chapter for every month of noncompliance.

31 (3) The department may only impose penalties under this chapter  
32 consistent with the standards established in RCW 43.21B.300.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 810.** A new section is added to chapter  
34 70A.455 RCW to read as follows:

35 (1) The department may adopt rules as necessary for the purpose  
36 of implementing, administering, and enforcing this chapter.

37 (2) Producers of a product subject to RCW 70A.455.040,  
38 70A.455.050, or 70A.455.060 must submit, under penalty of perjury, a

1 declaration that the product meets the standards established under  
2 those sections of this chapter for the product. This declaration must  
3 be submitted to the department:

4 (a) By January 1, 2024, for a product that is or will be sold or  
5 distributed into Washington beginning January 1, 2024;

6 (b) Prior to the sale or distribution of a product newly sold or  
7 distributed into Washington after January 1, 2024; and

8 (c) Prior to the sale or distribution of a product whose method  
9 of compliance with the standards established in RCW 70A.455.040,  
10 70A.455.050, or 70A.455.060 is materially changed from the method of  
11 compliance used at the last declaration submission under this  
12 section.

13 (3) The department must begin enforcing the requirements of this  
14 chapter by July 1, 2024.

15 **Sec. 811.** RCW 70A.455.030 and 2019 c 265 s 3 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) Except as provided in this chapter, no (~~manufacturer or~~  
18 ~~supplier~~) producer may sell, offer for sale, or distribute for use  
19 in this state a plastic product that is labeled with the term  
20 "biodegradable," "degradable," "decomposable," "oxo-degradable," or  
21 any similar form of those terms, or in any way imply that the plastic  
22 product will break down, fragment, biodegrade, or decompose in a  
23 landfill or other environment.

24 (2) This section does not apply to biodegradable mulch film that  
25 meets the required testing and has the appropriate third-party  
26 certifications.

27 **Sec. 812.** RCW 43.21B.110 and 2021 c 316 s 41 and 2021 c 313 s 16  
28 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

29 (1) The hearings board shall only have jurisdiction to hear and  
30 decide appeals from the following decisions of the department, the  
31 director, local conservation districts, the air pollution control  
32 boards or authorities as established pursuant to chapter 70A.15 RCW,  
33 local health departments, the department of natural resources, the  
34 department of fish and wildlife, the parks and recreation commission,  
35 and authorized public entities described in chapter 79.100 RCW:

36 (a) Civil penalties imposed pursuant to RCW 18.104.155,  
37 70A.15.3160, 70A.300.090, 70A.20.050, 70A.530.040, 70A.350.070,  
38 70A.515.060, 70A.245.040, 70A.245.050, 70A.245.070, 70A.245.080,



1 70A.65.200, 70A.455.090, 76.09.170, 77.55.440, 78.44.250, 88.46.090,  
2 90.03.600, 90.46.270, 90.48.144, 90.56.310, 90.56.330, and 90.64.102.

3 (b) Orders issued pursuant to RCW 18.104.043, 18.104.060,  
4 43.27A.190, 70A.15.2520, 70A.15.3010, 70A.300.120, 70A.350.070,  
5 70A.245.020, 70A.65.200, 86.16.020, 88.46.070, 90.14.130, 90.46.250,  
6 90.48.120, and 90.56.330.

7 (c) Except as provided in RCW 90.03.210(2), the issuance,  
8 modification, or termination of any permit, certificate, or license  
9 by the department or any air authority in the exercise of its  
10 jurisdiction, including the issuance or termination of a waste  
11 disposal permit, the denial of an application for a waste disposal  
12 permit, the modification of the conditions or the terms of a waste  
13 disposal permit, or a decision to approve or deny an application for  
14 a solid waste permit exemption under RCW 70A.205.260.

15 (d) Decisions of local health departments regarding the grant or  
16 denial of solid waste permits pursuant to chapter 70A.205 RCW.

17 (e) Decisions of local health departments regarding the issuance  
18 and enforcement of permits to use or dispose of biosolids under RCW  
19 70A.226.090.

20 (f) Decisions of the department regarding waste-derived  
21 fertilizer or micronutrient fertilizer under RCW 15.54.820, and  
22 decisions of the department regarding waste-derived soil amendments  
23 under RCW 70A.205.145.

24 (g) Decisions of local conservation districts related to the  
25 denial of approval or denial of certification of a dairy nutrient  
26 management plan; conditions contained in a plan; application of any  
27 dairy nutrient management practices, standards, methods, and  
28 technologies to a particular dairy farm; and failure to adhere to the  
29 plan review and approval timelines in RCW 90.64.026.

30 (h) Any other decision by the department or an air authority  
31 which pursuant to law must be decided as an adjudicative proceeding  
32 under chapter 34.05 RCW.

33 (i) Decisions of the department of natural resources, the  
34 department of fish and wildlife, and the department that are  
35 reviewable under chapter 76.09 RCW, and the department of natural  
36 resources' appeals of county, city, or town objections under RCW  
37 76.09.050(7).

38 (j) Forest health hazard orders issued by the commissioner of  
39 public lands under RCW 76.06.180.

1 (k) Decisions of the department of fish and wildlife to issue,  
2 deny, condition, or modify a hydraulic project approval permit under  
3 chapter 77.55 RCW, to issue a stop work order, to issue a notice to  
4 comply, to issue a civil penalty, or to issue a notice of intent to  
5 disapprove applications.

6 (l) Decisions of the department of natural resources that are  
7 reviewable under RCW 78.44.270.

8 (m) Decisions of an authorized public entity under RCW 79.100.010  
9 to take temporary possession or custody of a vessel or to contest the  
10 amount of reimbursement owed that are reviewable by the hearings  
11 board under RCW 79.100.120.

12 (n) Decisions of the department of ecology that are appealable  
13 under RCW 70A.245.020 to set recycled minimum postconsumer content  
14 for covered products or to temporarily exclude types of covered  
15 products in plastic containers from minimum postconsumer recycled  
16 content requirements.

17 (o) Orders by the department of ecology under RCW 70A.455.080.

18 (2) The following hearings shall not be conducted by the hearings  
19 board:

20 (a) Hearings required by law to be conducted by the shorelines  
21 hearings board pursuant to chapter 90.58 RCW.

22 (b) Hearings conducted by the department pursuant to RCW  
23 70A.15.3010, 70A.15.3070, 70A.15.3080, 70A.15.3090, 70A.15.3100,  
24 70A.15.3110, and 90.44.180.

25 (c) Appeals of decisions by the department under RCW 90.03.110  
26 and 90.44.220.

27 (d) Hearings conducted by the department to adopt, modify, or  
28 repeal rules.

29 (3) Review of rules and regulations adopted by the hearings board  
30 shall be subject to review in accordance with the provisions of the  
31 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

32 **Sec. 813.** RCW 43.21B.300 and 2021 c 316 s 42 and 2021 c 313 s 17  
33 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Any civil penalty provided in RCW 18.104.155, 70A.15.3160,  
35 70A.205.280, 70A.300.090, 70A.20.050, 70A.245.040, 70A.245.050,  
36 70A.245.070, 70A.245.080, 70A.65.200, 70A.455.090, 88.46.090,  
37 90.03.600, 90.46.270, 90.48.144, 90.56.310, 90.56.330, and 90.64.102  
38 and chapter 70A.355 RCW shall be imposed by a notice in writing,  
39 either by certified mail with return receipt requested or by personal

1 service, to the person incurring the penalty from the department or  
2 the local air authority, describing the violation with reasonable  
3 particularity. For penalties issued by local air authorities, within  
4 (~~thirty~~) 30 days after the notice is received, the person incurring  
5 the penalty may apply in writing to the authority for the remission  
6 or mitigation of the penalty. Upon receipt of the application, the  
7 authority may remit or mitigate the penalty upon whatever terms the  
8 authority in its discretion deems proper. The authority may ascertain  
9 the facts regarding all such applications in such reasonable manner  
10 and under such rules as it may deem proper and shall remit or  
11 mitigate the penalty only upon a demonstration of extraordinary  
12 circumstances such as the presence of information or factors not  
13 considered in setting the original penalty.

14 (2) Any penalty imposed under this section may be appealed to the  
15 pollution control hearings board in accordance with this chapter if  
16 the appeal is filed with the hearings board and served on the  
17 department or authority (~~thirty~~) 30 days after the date of receipt  
18 by the person penalized of the notice imposing the penalty or  
19 (~~thirty~~) 30 days after the date of receipt of the notice of  
20 disposition by a local air authority of the application for relief  
21 from penalty.

22 (3) A penalty shall become due and payable on the later of:

23 (a) Thirty days after receipt of the notice imposing the penalty;

24 (b) Thirty days after receipt of the notice of disposition by a  
25 local air authority on application for relief from penalty, if such  
26 an application is made; or

27 (c) Thirty days after receipt of the notice of decision of the  
28 hearings board if the penalty is appealed.

29 (4) If the amount of any penalty is not paid to the department  
30 within (~~thirty~~) 30 days after it becomes due and payable, the  
31 attorney general, upon request of the department, shall bring an  
32 action in the name of the state of Washington in the superior court  
33 of Thurston county, or of any county in which the violator does  
34 business, to recover the penalty. If the amount of the penalty is not  
35 paid to the authority within (~~thirty~~) 30 days after it becomes due  
36 and payable, the authority may bring an action to recover the penalty  
37 in the superior court of the county of the authority's main office or  
38 of any county in which the violator does business. In these actions,  
39 the procedures and rules of evidence shall be the same as in an  
40 ordinary civil action.

1 (5) All penalties recovered shall be paid into the state treasury  
2 and credited to the general fund except those penalties imposed  
3 pursuant to RCW 18.104.155, which shall be credited to the  
4 reclamation account as provided in RCW 18.104.155(7), RCW  
5 70A.15.3160, the disposition of which shall be governed by that  
6 provision, RCW 70A.245.040 and 70A.245.050, which shall be credited  
7 to the recycling enhancement account created in RCW 70A.245.100, RCW  
8 70A.300.090, which shall be credited to the model toxics control  
9 operating account created in RCW 70A.305.180, RCW 70A.65.200, which  
10 shall be credited to the climate investment account created in RCW  
11 70A.65.250, RCW 90.56.330, which shall be credited to the coastal  
12 protection fund created by RCW 90.48.390, and RCW 70A.355.070, which  
13 shall be credited to the underground storage tank account created by  
14 RCW 70A.355.090.

15 **PART 9**  
16 **Miscellaneous**

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 901.** Sections 401, 402, and 405 of this act  
18 constitute a new chapter in Title 70A RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 902.** Nothing in this act changes or limits  
20 the authority of the Washington utilities and transportation  
21 commission to regulate the collection of solid waste, including  
22 curbside collection of residential recyclable materials, nor does  
23 this section change or limit the authority of a city or town to  
24 provide the service itself or by contract under RCW 81.77.020.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 903.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
26 each repealed:

27 (1) RCW 70A.455.110 (Compostable products revolving account) and  
28 2020 c 20 s 1450 & 2019 c 265 s 11; and

29 (2) RCW 70A.455.900 (Effective date—2019 c 265) and 2019 c 265 s  
30 13.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 904.** If any provision of this act or its  
32 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
33 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
34 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 905.**    If specific funding for the purposes of  
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
3 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
4 act is null and void."

5        Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment makes the following changes to the Second Substitute House Bill:

(1) Requires source-separated collection service of organic solid waste at least every other week or 26 weeks annually for all residents and for nonresidential customers that generate at least 1/4 of a cubic yard of organic waste per week, beginning in 2027 in certain jurisdictions;

(2) Clarifies that waivers issued by the Department of Ecology to local governments related to organic waste collection requirements are renewable;

(3) Requires cities that begin implementing an independent solid waste plan after 2022 to provide biweekly organic material collection requirements;

(4) Requires county designation of priority areas for the siting of organic material management facilities to be designated with an attempt to minimize incompatible uses and potential impacts on residential areas, authorizes priority areas to be located in agricultural or rural zones in addition to industrial zones, and prohibits the designation of priority areas in overburdened communities identified by the Department of Ecology under the Climate Commitment Act, rather than overburdened communities identified by the Department of Health;

(5) Amends various criteria that must be included as part of the Department of Ecology's 2023 study of the adequacy of local solid waste management funding and requires a private sector solid waste association to be included among the stakeholders consulted for the study;

(6) Clarifies that businesses that comply with organic material management requirements by source-separating organic materials and subscribing to an organic material collection service must also use that service for their organic material wastes;

(7) Requires the Department of Ecology to research and adopt model ordinances for optional use by cities and counties that provide model mechanisms to establish a financial disincentive or other disincentives for the generation of organic waste and the disposal of organic materials in landfills;

(8) Exempts local government adoption of model ordinances developed by the Department of Ecology from State Environmental Policy Act review requirements;

(9) Clarifies that cities and counties are the only types of local government that must adopt compost procurement ordinances;

(10) Increases the population threshold that requires a city or county to adopt a compost procurement ordinance from 10,000 to 25,000;

(11) Requires any county or city in which organic material collection services are offered to adopt a compost procurement ordinance, regardless of population; and

(12) Adds a generally applicable declaration that nothing in the Act changes the authority of the Utilities and Transportation

Commission to regulate solid waste collection or limits city or town authority to provide or contract for solid waste service.

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