

Senate Bill 15

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Environmental Quality to conduct Oregon Curbside Recycling Pilot Program and report to Legislative Assembly by July 1, 2009.
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to pay costs of assessment.
Sunsets January 2, 2010.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to curbside recycling; and appropriating money.

3 Whereas Oregon has a long tradition of pioneering innovative recycling programs; and

4 Whereas recycling saves energy, which in turn reduces the United States' dependence on foreign
5 oil and reduces pollution associated with energy production; and

6 Whereas recycling reduces the need to extract certain natural resources; and

7 Whereas recycling can create more jobs than disposing of solid waste through incineration or
8 in landfills; and

9 Whereas recycling can have a lower cost for communities than other waste disposal options; and

10 Whereas recycling supplies valuable raw materials to Oregon industries; and

11 Whereas recycling stimulates the development of environmentally sound technologies; and

12 Whereas recycling reduces Oregon's need for new landfills and incinerators; and

13 Whereas many new markets for recycling have been created during the past decade, including
14 remanufacturing plastic containers into other goods; and

15 Whereas despite the growth in markets for recycled materials, curbside recycling programs have
16 become stagnant, with recycling rates for plastic and aluminum containers remaining constant or
17 decreasing; and

18 Whereas Oregon has fallen below the statutory requirement for recycling rigid plastic contain-
19 ers; and

20 Whereas local, state and federal governments should encourage increased curbside recycling of
21 recyclable household products; and

22 Whereas there remains a significant opportunity to increase recycling in Oregon, and the citi-
23 zens of Oregon should be encouraged to participate in educational, organizational and legislative
24 endeavors that promote curbside recycling; now, therefore,

25 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

26 **SECTION 1. The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a statewide**
27 **curbside recycling pilot program. This program shall be known as the Oregon Curbside Re-**
28 **ycling Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to:**

29 **(1) Lower Oregon's dependence on virgin packaging materials;**

30 **(2) Increase the rate of household materials recycled in Oregon, including plastics, fiber**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 and aluminum and other metals;

2 (3) Create a self-sustaining curbside recycling model that may be used in all communities
3 in Oregon;

4 (4) Create a model that financially rewards consumer recycling stewardship;

5 (5) Reduce health and safety risks associated with Oregon's beverage container redemp-
6 tion laws; and

7 (6) Reduce litter and illegal dumping of household packaging and other materials.

8 **SECTION 2. The Oregon Curbside Recycling Pilot Program shall:**

9 (1) Include a minimum of 20,000 households with curbside recycling service;

10 (2) Coordinate with existing local companies that transport solid waste;

11 (3) Provide a single recycling container to participating households;

12 (4) Include households in the following regions:

13 (a) Oregon's coast;

14 (b) Central Oregon;

15 (c) Eastern Oregon; and

16 (d) The Portland metropolitan region;

17 (5) Provide assistance to retrofit recycling equipment, if necessary to participate in the
18 program;

19 (6) Work in partnership with Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism and RecycleBank, Inc.
20 to establish the program; and

21 (7) Consider ways to fund local litter control and cleanup efforts.

22 **SECTION 3. (1) The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall establish**
23 **an Oregon Curbside Recycling Pilot Program Advisory Board to advise the Department of**
24 **Environmental Quality on matters related to the pilot program. The board shall consist of**
25 **11 members comprised of:**

26 (a) One member from each of the following regions:

27 (A) Oregon's coast;

28 (B) Central Oregon;

29 (C) Eastern Oregon; and

30 (D) The Portland metropolitan region;

31 (b) One member from each of the following organizations:

32 (A) Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism; and

33 (B) RecycleBank, Inc.;

34 (c) One member who represents Oregon's grocery and retail outlets;

35 (d) One member who represents Oregon's recycling industry;

36 (e) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;

37 (f) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

38 (g) One member appointed by the Governor.

39 (2) The advisory board shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for leg-
40 islation, to the interim legislative committees on the environment and natural resources by
41 October 1, 2008.

42 **SECTION 4. The Department of Environmental Quality shall complete the Oregon**
43 **Curbside Recycling Pilot Program established in section 1 of this 2007 Act by July 1, 2009.**

44 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
45 **ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007,**

1 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ to pay the costs of the Oregon Curbside
2 Recycling Pilot Program established in section 1 of this 2007 Act.

3 **SECTION 6.** Sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act are repealed on January 2, 2010.

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