

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

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**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Adds program elements to opportunity to recycle. Modifies program elements and program element requirements. Updates statewide goals for recovery of materials from general solid waste stream for calendar years 2020 and 2025 and subsequent years. Establishes specific statewide recovery goals for certain materials. Updates waste generation goals for calendar years 2025 and 2050 and subsequent years. Updates wasteshed recovery goals. Allows Environmental Quality Commission to revise goals under certain conditions. Directs commission to develop and adopt alternative method for calculating recovery rates based on rate of energy savings achieved through recovery of materials. Authorizes commission to adopt other alternative calculation methods under certain conditions. Authorizes wastesheds to base recovery rate calculations on weight-based or alternative methods adopted by omission. Eliminates two percent recovery credits on wasteshed recovery rates. Reduces required frequency of statewide solid waste composition study to once every three biennia. Requires Department of Environmental Quality to conduct statewide survey of recovery rates for certain materials for calendar year 2020. Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022, if goals are not being achieved.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Makes changes to program elements that may be used by cities and counties to fulfill requirements to implement recycling programs. Authorizes local governments to assess fee on solid waste collection or disposal services to cover costs to local government for providing opportunity to recycle and implementing program requirements. Establishes goal for calendar year 2025-2029 rather than calendar year 2025 through subsequent years. Identifies specific recovery goals for certain counties. Lists possible energy saving practices that may be implemented as part of local program.

**BACKGROUND:**

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