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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to solid waste; amending uses of state grants to counties for solid waste
1.3 reduction and recycling; amending allocation of solid waste management tax
1.4 revenues; requiring a study; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2014, sections 115A.557, subdivision 2; 297H.13, subdivision 2.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 115A.557, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subd. 2. Purposes for which money may be spent. (a) A county receiving money
1.10 distributed by the commissioner under this section may use the money only for the
1.11 development and implementation of programs to:

- 1.12 (1) reduce the amount of solid waste generated;
1.13 (2) recycle the maximum amount of solid waste technically feasible;
1.14 (3) create and support markets for recycled products;
1.15 (4) remove problem materials from the solid waste stream and develop proper
1.16 disposal options for them;
1.17 (5) inform and educate all sectors of the public about proper solid waste management
1.18 procedures;
1.19 (6) provide technical assistance to public and private entities to ensure proper solid
1.20 waste management;
1.21 (7) provide educational, technical, and financial assistance for litter prevention;
1.22 (8) process mixed municipal solid waste generated in the county at a resource
1.23 recovery facility located in Minnesota; and
1.24 (9) compost source-separated compostable materials, including the provision of
1.25 receptacles for residential composting;

2.1 (10) collect and transport food donated to humans or to be fed to animals; and
 2.2 (11) process source-separated compostable materials in anaerobic digesters.

2.3 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2015 and continuing thereafter, of any money distributed
 2.4 by the commissioner under this section to a metropolitan county, as defined in section
 2.5 473.121, subdivision 4, that exceeds the amount the county was eligible to receive under
 2.6 this section in fiscal year 2014: (1) at least 50 percent must be expended on activities in
 2.7 paragraph (a), ~~elause~~ clauses (9) to (11); and (2) the remainder must be expended on
 2.8 activities in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (7) and (9) to (11) that advance the county toward
 2.9 achieving its recycling goal under section 115A.551.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297H.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 2. **Allocation of revenues.** (a) ~~\$33,760,000, or 70 percent, whichever is~~
 2.13 ~~greater,~~ Of the amounts remitted under this chapter, 75 percent in fiscal years 2016 and
 2.14 2017, 80 percent in fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and 100 percent thereafter, must be
 2.15 credited to the environmental fund established in section 16A.531, subdivision 1.

2.16 (b) The remainder in fiscal years 2016 to 2019 must be deposited into the general fund.

2.17 (c) Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and continuing each year thereafter, the difference
 2.18 between the amount deposited in the environmental fund under paragraph (a) and the
 2.19 amount that would have been deposited under paragraph (a), before being amended by
 2.20 this act, must be expended on activities in section 115A.557, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
 2.21 clauses (1) to (7) and (9) to (11).

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.23 Sec. 3. **RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT; STUDY.**

2.24 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with the
 2.25 commissioner of employment and economic development, the University of Minnesota,
 2.26 and representatives of Minnesota counties and Minnesota businesses that process
 2.27 recyclable materials, selected by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency,
 2.28 shall analyze current and projected recycling markets and the potential for developing
 2.29 new products using recycled materials in order to develop policy options for the state
 2.30 to consider to assist counties in meeting the 2030 recycling goals of 75 percent in the
 2.31 metropolitan area and 50 percent in greater Minnesota. The analysis must:

2.32 (1) estimate the quantity and quality of recyclables, including source-separated
 2.33 organics, available currently and projected to 2030;

3.1 (2) examine current recyclable materials markets available to Minnesota and
3.2 opportunities for market growth and diversification;

3.3 (3) analyze individual components of recyclable materials' postcollection supply
3.4 chain, from transportation and storage to processing and new product development,
3.5 focusing on opportunities for value-added processing opportunities;

3.6 (4) compile a schedule that indicates when the major elements of Minnesota's
3.7 recycling infrastructure are expected to reach the end of their useful life and will need to
3.8 be replaced, and at what estimated cost, and include the need for and cost of recycling
3.9 infrastructure in areas that are currently unserved or underserved; and

3.10 (5) report on current and planned research to develop new products incorporating the
3.11 use of recycled materials and discuss future research needs and potential funding sources.

3.12 (b) The analysis must include policy recommendations on ways the state can
3.13 advance opportunities for new product and market development and help to increase the
3.14 financial investment necessary for the state to reach its established recycling goals. By
3.15 February 15, 2017, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall report the
3.16 findings and recommendations of the analysis to the chairs and ranking minority members
3.17 of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over economic
3.18 development, workforce issues, and environment.

3.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.20 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.21 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the
3.22 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for completion of the report required under
3.23 section 3. This appropriation does not cancel.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.