

SENATE BILL NO. 315—SENATORS FARLEY, DENIS,
PARKS, WOODHOUSE, SPEARMAN; AND CANCELA

MARCH 17, 2017

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN FLORES

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to waste disposal.
(BDR 40-989)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 13)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to waste disposal; requiring a county whose population is 100,000 or more to divert a certain percentage of solid waste from landfills; revising the statutory goal for recycling solid waste; requiring the board of county commissioners of each county in this State to report certain information to the State Environmental Commission and the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations
- 2 concerning recycling with the goal of recycling at least 25 percent of the total solid
- 3 waste generated within each municipality in this State. (NRS 444A.020) **Section 15**
- 4 of this bill raises that goal to at least 35 percent of the total solid waste generated
- 5 within such a municipality. **Section 13** of this bill requires a county whose
- 6 population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to divert a
- 7 certain percentage of the solid waste generated within the county, excluding
- 8 construction and demolition waste, for disposal from landfills to recycling centers,
- 9 facilities for the recovery of materials from solid waste or composting facilities.
- 10 **Section 20** of this bill requires the board of county commissioners of each county
- 11 to submit to the Commission and the Legislature a report concerning the efforts of



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12 the county to establish single-stream recycling programs and encourage recycling
13 by businesses within the county.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)
3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)
5 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
6 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
7 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)
8 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
9 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)
10 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)
11 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)
12 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)
13 **Sec. 13.** Chapter 444A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
14 thereto a new section to read as follows:
15 ***1. Each county whose population is 100,000 or more shall***
16 ***maintain a waste diversion rate of at least:***
17 ***(a) Twenty-three percent for calendar year 2023;***
18 ***(b) Twenty-four percent for calendar year 2024; and***
19 ***(c) Twenty-five percent for calendar year 2025 and for each***
20 ***calendar year thereafter.***
21 ***2. The State Environmental Commission shall adopt***
22 ***regulations requiring each county subject to the requirements of***
23 ***subsection 1 to report to the Commission the waste diversion rate***
24 ***maintained by the county for each calendar year.***
25 ***3. As used in this section, “waste diversion rate” means the***
26 ***percentage of solid waste, excluding construction and demolition***
27 ***waste, generated within a county that is diverted from a landfill to***
28 ***a recycling center, facility for the recovery of recyclable materials***
29 ***from solid waste or composting facility.***
30 **Sec. 14.** NRS 444A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
31 444A.010 As used in NRS 444A.010 to 444A.080, inclusive,
32 ***and section 13 of this act,*** unless the context otherwise requires, the
33 words and terms defined in NRS 444A.0103 to 444A.017, inclusive,
34 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
35 **Sec. 15.** NRS 444A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
36 444A.020 1. The State Environmental Commission shall
37 adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for:
38 (a) Separating at the source recyclable material from other solid
39 waste originating from residential premises and public buildings



1 where services for the collection of solid waste are provided,
2 including, without limitation, the placement of recycling containers
3 on the premises of apartment complexes and condominiums where
4 those services are provided.

5 (b) Establishing recycling centers for the collection and disposal
6 of recyclable material.

7 (c) The disposal of hazardous household products which are
8 capable of causing harmful physical effects if inhaled, absorbed or
9 ingested.

10 2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must be
11 adopted with the goal of recycling at least ~~25~~ 35 percent of the
12 total solid waste generated within a municipality after the second
13 full year following the adoption of such standards.

14 3. The State Environmental Commission shall, by regulation,
15 establish acceptable methods for disposing of used or waste tires
16 consistent with the provisions of NRS 444.505, 444.507 and
17 444.509.

18 **Sec. 16.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 17.** (Deleted by amendment.)

20 **Sec. 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

21 **Sec. 19.** (Deleted by amendment.)

22 **Sec. 20.** 1. On or before November 1, 2018, the board of
23 county commissioners of each county in this State shall submit to
24 the State Environmental Commission and the Director of the
25 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 80th Session of the
26 Nevada Legislature a report concerning:

27 (a) The efforts made by the county to establish programs of
28 single-stream recycling and encourage businesses within the county
29 to recycle; and

30 (b) The results of the efforts described in paragraph (a).

31 2. As used in this section:

32 (a) "Recycling center" means a facility designed and operated to
33 receive, store, process or transfer recyclable material which has been
34 separated at the source from other solid waste.

35 (b) "Single-stream recycling" means a system in which all
36 recyclable materials are collected, mixed in the collection vehicle
37 and separated at a recycling center.

38 **Sec. 21.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39 **Sec. 22.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
40 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
41 provisions of this act.

42 **Sec. 23.** 1. This section and section 6 of this act become
43 effective upon passage and approval.

44 2. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, 7 to 12, inclusive, and 15 to 22,
45 inclusive, of this act become effective on October 1, 2017.



1 3. Sections 13 and 14 of this act become effective upon
2 passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and
3 performing any other administrative tasks that are necessary to carry
4 out the provisions of those sections and on October 1, 2023, for all
5 other purposes.

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