

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 353—ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the disposition of certain types of materials and waste produced by certain governmental entities. (BDR 40-623)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 recycling; requiring certain governmental entities to recycle certain additional products and waste; providing certain exemptions from such a requirement; revising the required contents of a report made to the Legislature on the status of recycling programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires courts, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, state agencies, school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to recycle paper and paper products unless the cost of recycling is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the entity. (NRS 1.115, 218F.310, 232.007, 386.4159, 396.437) **Sections 2-6** of this bill require these entities to also recycle electronic waste and other recyclable materials.

Existing law also requires any money received by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled certain paper products and waste to be paid by the Director to the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund. (NRS 218F.310) **Section 4** of this bill requires money received by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled certain paper products, electronic waste and other recyclable materials to be: (1) accounted for separately; and (2) used to carry out the provisions of **section 4**.

Existing law requires the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to deliver a biennial report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on the status of current and proposed programs for recycling and reuse of materials. (NRS 444A.070) **Section 1** of this bill requires such a report to include the amount of recycled material reported by state agencies.



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

Section 1. NRS 444A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

444A.070 The Director of the Department shall deliver to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a biennial report on or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year for submission to the Legislature on the status of current and proposed programs for recycling and reuse of materials , *the amount of recycled material that is reported by state agencies pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 232.007* and on any other matter relating to recycling and reuse which he or she deems appropriate.

Sec. 2. NRS 1.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.115 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each court of justice for this State shall recycle or cause to be recycled, to the extent reasonably possible, the paper and paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~uses.~~ *produces.* This subsection does not apply to confidential documents if there is an additional cost for recycling those documents.

2. As used in this section:

(a) *“Electronic waste” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(b) “Paper” ~~[includes newspaper, high grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper, duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.~~

~~—(b)]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(c) “Paper product” ~~[means any paper article or commodity, including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard, construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

Sec. 3. NRS 218F.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~uses.~~ *produces.* This subsection does not apply to confidential documents if there is an additional cost for recycling those documents.



2. The Director may apply to the Legislative Commission for a waiver from the requirements of subsection 1. The Legislative Commission shall grant a waiver if it determines that the cost to recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products ~~[used]~~, *electronic waste and other recyclable materials produced* by the Legislative Counsel Bureau is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

3. The Legislative Commission shall, after consulting with the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, adopt regulations which prescribe the procedure for the disposition of the paper and paper products, *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* to be recycled ~~[. The Legislative Commission may prescribe a procedure for the recycling of other waste materials produced]~~, *including, without limitation, the placement of recycling containers* on the premises of the Legislative Building ~~[.] where services for the collection of solid waste are provided.~~

4. Any money received by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled the paper and paper products, *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~[uses]~~ *produces* must be ~~[paid by the Director to the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.]~~ :

(a) *Accounted for separately; and*

(b) *Used to carry out the provisions of this section.*

5. As used in this section:

(a) *"Electronic waste" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(b) "Paper" ~~[includes newspaper, high grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper, duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.~~

~~—(b)]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(c) "Paper product" ~~[means any paper article or commodity, including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard, construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(d) *"Solid waste" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444.490.*

Sec. 4. NRS 232.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.007 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each state agency shall recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and



1 paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials*
2 *that* it uses. This subsection does not apply to confidential
3 documents if there is an additional cost for recycling those
4 documents.

5 2. A state agency ~~[may apply to the Chief of the Budget~~
6 ~~Division of the Office of Finance for a waiver from the requirements~~
7 ~~of subsection 1. The Chief shall grant a waiver to the state agency if~~
8 ~~the Chief]~~ *is not required to comply with the requirements of*
9 *subsection 1 if the administrator of the agency* determines that the
10 cost to recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products ,
11 *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* used by the agency
12 is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations
13 of the agency.

14 3. ~~[The State Environmental Commission shall, through the~~
15 ~~State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, adopt~~
16 ~~regulations which prescribe the procedure for the disposition of the~~
17 ~~paper and paper products to be recycled. In adopting such~~
18 ~~regulations, the Commission:~~

19 ~~—(a) Shall consult with any other state agencies which are~~
20 ~~coordinating or have coordinated programs for recycling paper and~~
21 ~~paper products:~~

22 ~~—(b) May prescribe a procedure for the recycling of other waste~~
23 ~~materials produced by state agencies.] Unless the state agency~~
24 *determines that the cost to recycle certain products is*
25 *unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations*
26 *of the agency pursuant to subsection 2, each agency shall comply*
27 *with the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 444A.020 which*
28 *prescribe the procedure for the disposition of the paper and paper*
29 *products, electronic waste and other recyclable materials to be*
30 *recycled, including, without limitation, the placement of recycling*
31 *containers on the premises where services for the collection of*
32 *solid waste are provided.*

33 4. Any money received by a state agency for recycling or
34 causing to be recycled the paper and paper products , *electronic*
35 *waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~[uses]~~ *produces* must be
36 ~~[paid by the chief administrative officer of that agency to the State~~
37 ~~Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.]:~~

38 (a) *Accounted for separately; and*

39 (b) *Used to carry out the provisions of this section.*

40 5. *On or before July 1 of each year, each state agency shall*
41 *submit to the Director a report on the amount of material recycled*
42 *by the state agency pursuant to this section.*

43 6. As used in this section:

44 (a) *“Computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical,*
45 *electrochemical or other high-speed data processing device*



performing logical, arithmetic or storage functions, including, without limitation, a laptop computer and desktop computer, and includes, without limitation, any cable, cord or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into such a product, and may include, without limitation, a computer central processing unit and a monitor. The term does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable handheld calculator, a server or other similar device.

(b) “Computer peripheral” means a monitor, electronic keyboard, electronic mouse or similar pointing device, facsimile machine, document scanner, multifunction or all-in-one imaging device or printer intended for use with a computer. The term includes, without limitation, any cable, cord or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into any such product. The term does not include any document scanner or printer which weighs 100 pounds or more.

(c) “Electronic equipment” includes a:

- (1) Computer;
- (2) Computer peripheral;
- (3) Small-scale server;
- (4) Television; or
- (5) Television peripheral.

↪ The term does not include any motor vehicle or any part thereof, a household appliance such as a clothes washer, clothes dryer, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, oven, range or dishwasher, any equipment that is functionally or physically a part of a larger piece of equipment intended for use in an industrial, research and development or commercial setting, any security or anti-terrorism equipment, a monitoring and control instrument or system, a thermostat, a handheld transceiver, a server other than a small-scale server, a cash register or retail self-checkout system, a stand-alone storage product intended for use in an industrial, research and development or commercial settings, commercial medical equipment that contains within it a cathode ray tube, a flat panel display or similar video display device and is not separate from the larger piece of equipment or other medical device as that term is defined under the United States Food and Drug Administration under Subchapter V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§ 351 et seq.

(d) “Electronic waste” means electronic equipment that has been discarded, is no longer wanted by the owner or for any other reason enters the waste collection, recovery, treatment, processing or recycling system.

(e) “Paper” includes newspaper, high-grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper,



1 duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains
2 not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic
3 material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating
4 and saturant.

5 ~~[(b)]~~ (f) "Paper product" means any paper article or commodity,
6 including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard,
7 construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which
8 contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a
9 noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate,
10 binder, coating and saturant.

11 (g) *"Solid waste" has the meaning ascribed to in NRS 444.490.*

12 ~~[(e)]~~ (h) "State agency" means every public agency, bureau,
13 board, commission, department, division, officer or employee of the
14 Executive Department of State Government.

15 (i) *"Television" means a display system containing a cathode*
16 *ray tube or flat panel or any other type of display primarily*
17 *intended to receive video programming via broadcast, cable or*
18 *satellite transmission, having a viewable area greater than 4*
19 *inches when measured diagonally.*

20 (j) *"Television peripheral" means any device attached to and*
21 *used in conjunction with a television, including, without*
22 *limitation, a video cassette recorder, digital video recorder, digital*
23 *video disc player, electronic or video game system, game*
24 *controller, signal converter box, cable receiver, satellite receiver*
25 *and digital media receiver or set-top box, and includes, without*
26 *limitation, any cable, cord or wiring permanently affixed to or*
27 *incorporated into any such product.*

28 **Sec. 5.** NRS 386.4159 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 386.4159 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
30 each school district shall recycle or cause to be recycled the paper
31 and paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable*
32 *materials that it ~~uses~~ produces.* This subsection does not apply to
33 confidential documents if there is an additional cost for recycling
34 those documents.

35 2. A school district is not required to comply with the
36 requirements of subsection 1 if the board of trustees of the school
37 district determines that the cost to recycle or cause to be recycled
38 the paper and paper products ~~used~~ , *electronic waste and other*
39 *recyclable materials produced* by the schools in the district is
40 unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations of
41 the district or a particular school.

42 3. The board of trustees shall adopt rules which prescribe the
43 procedure for the disposition of the paper and paper products ,
44 *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* to be recycled ~~to~~
45 ~~The board of trustees may prescribe a procedure for the recycling of~~



~~other waste material produced~~, including, without limitation, the placement of recycling containers on the premises of the schools in the school district and the administrative offices of the school district ~~[-] where services for the collection of solid waste are provided.~~

4. Any money received by the school district for recycling or causing to be recycled the paper and paper products it uses must be paid by the board of trustees for credit to the general fund of the school district.

5. As used in this section:

(a) *"Electronic waste" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(b) *"Paper" ~~[includes newspaper, high grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper, duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.~~*

~~—(b)]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(c) *"Paper product" ~~[means any paper article or commodity, including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard, construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.]~~ has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(d) *"Solid waste" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444.490.*

Sec. 6. NRS 396.437 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.437 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the System shall recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products, *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~[uses.]~~ *produces.* This subsection does not apply to confidential documents if there is an additional cost for recycling those documents.

2. The System is not required to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 if the Board of Regents determines that the cost to recycle or cause to be recycled the paper and paper products ~~[used],~~ *electronic waste and other recyclable materials produced* by the System or one of its branches or facilities is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations of the System, branch or facility.

3. The Board of Regents shall adopt regulations which prescribe the procedure for the disposition of the paper and paper products, *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* to be recycled, ~~[- The Board of Regents shall prescribe procedures for the~~



~~recycling of other waste material produced on the premises of the System, a branch or a facility,]~~ including, without limitation, the placement of recycling containers on the premises of the System, a branch or a facility where services for the collection of solid waste are provided.

4. Any money received by the System for recycling or causing to be recycled the paper and paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~[uses]~~ *produces* and other waste material it produces must be accounted for separately and used to carry out the provisions of this section.

5. As used in this section:

(a) *“Electronic waste” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(b) “Paper” ~~[includes newspaper, high grade office paper, fine paper, bond paper, offset paper, xerographic paper, mimeo paper, duplicator paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.~~

~~—(b)]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

(c) “Paper product” ~~[means any paper article or commodity, including, but not limited to, paper napkins, towels, cardboard, construction material, paper and any other cellulosic material which contains not more than 10 percent by weight or volume of a noncellulosic material, including, but not limited to, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 232.007.*

~~[(e)]~~ (d) “Solid waste” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444.490.

Sec. 7. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

