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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; revising certain provisions governing regulation of solid waste; 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 the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for: (1) separating at the source recyclable material from other solid waste originating from residential premises and public buildings where services for the collection of solid waste are provided, including the placement of recycling containers where those services are provided. (NRS 444A.020) **Section 1** of this bill excludes construction waste and demolition waste from the definition of "solid waste" for purposes of this requirement. **Section 1.8** of this bill clarifies that the term "recyclable material" in this requirement includes electronic waste, paper and paper products.

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. **Sections 2-6** also use standardized definitions of electronic waste, paper, paper products and recyclable material that conform to the definitions in the regulations relating to recycling adopted by the State Environmental Commission.

Existing law also authorizes the Legislative Counsel Bureau and state agencies to apply for a waiver from compliance with the requirements for recycling. (NRS



21 218F.310, 232.007) **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill eliminate the waiver process and  
22 exempt these entities from complying with the requirements relating to recycling if  
23 these entities determine that the cost of compliance is unreasonable and would  
24 place an undue burden on the entity.

25 Additionally, existing law requires the Legislative Commission, state agencies,  
26 school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to prescribe  
27 procedures for the recycling of certain waste. (NRS 218F.310, 232.007, 386.4159,  
28 396.437) **Sections 3-6** remove the requirement for these entities to prescribe such  
29 procedures and instead, require these entities to consult with the State Department  
30 of Conservation and Natural Resources for the disposition of such waste.

31 Existing law also requires any money received by the Legislative Counsel  
32 Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled certain paper products and waste to  
33 be paid by the Director to the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.  
34 (NRS 218F.310) **Section 3** requires money received by the Legislative Counsel  
35 Bureau for recycling or causing to be recycled certain paper products, electronic  
36 waste and other recyclable materials to be: (1) accounted for separately; and (2)  
37 used to carry out the provisions of **section 3**.

38 Existing law requires the Director of the State Department of Conservation and  
39 Natural Resources to deliver a biennial report to the Director of the Legislative  
40 Counsel Bureau on the status of current and proposed programs for recycling and  
41 reuse of materials. (NRS 444A.070) **Section 1.9** of this bill requires such a report to  
42 include the amount of recycled material reported by state agencies.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 444.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 444.490 1. "Solid waste" means all putrescible and  
3 nonputrescible refuse in solid or semisolid form, including, but not  
4 limited to, garbage, rubbish, junk vehicles, ashes or incinerator  
5 residue, street refuse, dead animals ~~[-, demolition waste, construction~~  
6 ~~waste,]~~ and solid or semisolid commercial and industrial waste.

7 2. The term does not include:

8 (a) Hazardous waste managed pursuant to NRS 459.400 to  
9 459.600, inclusive : ~~[-]~~

10 (b) A vehicle described in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of  
11 subsection 1 of NRS 444.620 ~~[-]~~;

12 (c) *Construction waste; and*

13 (d) *Demolition waste.*

14 **Sec. 1.1.** Chapter 444A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
15 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of this  
16 act.

17 **Sec. 1.2.** *"Electronic waste" means electronic equipment that*  
18 *has been discarded, is no longer wanted by the owner or for any*  
19 *other reason enters the waste collection, recovery, treatment,*  
20 *processing or recycling system.*

21 **Sec. 1.3.** *"Paper" includes newspaper, high-grade office*  
22 *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, without limitation, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.*

**Sec. 1.4.** *“Paper product” means any paper article or commodity, including, without limitation, 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, without limitation, a laminate, binder, coating and saturant.*

**Sec. 1.5.** NRS 444A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

444A.010 As used in NRS 444A.010 to 444A.080, inclusive, *and sections 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 444A.0103 to 444A.017, inclusive, *and sections 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 1.8.** NRS 444A.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

444A.013 “Recyclable material” means solid waste that can be processed and returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products, as determined by the State Environmental Commission. *The term includes, without limitation:*

- 1. Electronic waste;*
- 2. Paper; and*
- 3. Paper products.*

**Sec. 1.9.** 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 section 1.2 of this act.*

~~(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 section 1.3 of this act.*

~~(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 section 1.4 of this act.*

(d) *“Recyclable material” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444A.013.*

**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]~~ *Counsel Bureau is not required to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 if the Director* 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]~~ *consult* 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 section 1.2 of this act.*

(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 section 1.3 of this act.*

(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 section 1.4 of this act.*

(d) *"Recyclable material" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444A.013.*

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



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

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

~~—(b) May prescribe a procedure for the recycling of other waste materials produced by state agencies.]~~ *A state agency shall consult with the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the disposition of the paper and paper products, electronic waste and other recyclable materials to be recycled, including, without limitation, the placement of recycling containers on the premises of the state agency where services for the collection of solid waste are provided.*

4. Any money received by a state agency 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 chief administrative officer of that agency 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. *On or before July 1 of each year, each state agency shall submit to the Director a report on the amount of material recycled by the state agency pursuant to this section.*

6. As used in this section:

~~(a) ["Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, 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].~~ *"Electronic waste" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1.2 of this act.*

~~(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.]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1.3 of this act.*



~~[(b)]~~ (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 section 1.4 of this act.*

(d) *"Recyclable material" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444A.013.*

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

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

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

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

2. A school district is not required to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 if the board of trustees of the school district 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 schools in the district is unreasonable and would place an undue burden on the operations of the district or a particular school.

3. The board of trustees shall ~~[adopt rules which prescribe]~~ *consult with the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources* ~~[the procedure]~~ for the disposition of the paper and paper products , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* to be recycled ~~[. 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 , *electronic waste and other recyclable materials* it ~~[uses]~~ *produces* 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 section 1.2 of this act.*





(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 section 1.3 of this act.*

(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 section 1.4 of this act.*

(d) "Recyclable material" *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444A.013.*

(e) "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]~~ *consult with the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources* 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]~~ :





(a) *Accounted* for separately ; and ~~{used}~~

(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 section 1.2 of this act.*

(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 section 1.3 of this act.*

(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 section 1.4 of this act.*

(d) *“Recyclable material” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 444A.013.*

~~{(e)}~~ (e) “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.

