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By Representatives Smith and Morris

1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging economic development by
2 identifying ways to grow Washington's manufacturing sector through
3 evaluating the opportunities and barriers of repurposing domestic
4 waste stream materials; and creating new sections.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends for Washington to
7 continue to be a leader in advanced manufacturing and environmental
8 stewardship. In this act, the legislature seeks to identify new and
9 existing sources of materials useful to our manufacturers that may be
10 sourced economically from our domestic waste stream. By identifying
11 these materials and the various ways that our own consumer and
12 commercial waste can be repurposed by Washington manufacturers, the
13 legislature intends to spur entrepreneurship and innovation in a
14 manner aligned with the values of Washingtonians.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of commerce shall
16 arrange for the completion of an economic analysis of recyclable
17 material and solid waste processing, export, and disposal activities
18 in Washington. This analysis must not result in the disclosure or
19 publication of proprietary or confidential business information. The
20 analysis must include:

1 (a) An overview of existing types of recycling business practices
2 in Washington that involve processing materials into saleable
3 products that are or could be useful to Washington's current or
4 future manufacturers. The economic analysis must also include an
5 evaluation of opportunities and barriers to increasing reuse of
6 materials and to manufacturing using recyclable material as
7 feedstocks within Washington and regionally; and

8 (b) An evaluation of the implications of relevant global and
9 regional changes in the recycling market on recycling rates and on
10 businesses collecting and processing recyclable materials in
11 Washington.

12 (2) By September 1, 2020, the analysis required in subsection (1)
13 of this section must be submitted in a report to the legislature
14 consistent with the requirements of RCW 43.01.036. The analysis must
15 be accompanied by recommendations from the department of commerce
16 that:

17 (a) Identify which recyclable materials add the greatest economic
18 value to recycling programs and will have a market to sustain those
19 programs; and

20 (b) Identify the economic opportunities and challenges to reusing
21 the waste from Washington consumers and businesses in Washington as a
22 raw material for manufacturing.

23 (3) The department of commerce must develop the analysis and
24 recommendations in this section in consultation with a focused
25 stakeholder work group consisting of a representative from each of
26 the following: The utilities and transportation commission; the
27 department of ecology; cities; counties; a permitted material
28 recovery facility operator; public and private sector recycling and
29 solid waste industries; packaging manufacturers and retailers; and an
30 environmental organization.

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