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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 479

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an awards program to recognize  
7 waste reduction and recycling efforts in school  
8 districts; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

11 (1) waste reduction and recycling must be a fundamental part of  
12 a comprehensive solid waste management effort;

13 (2) the success of waste reduction and recycling initiatives are  
14 largely dependent upon the current and future behavior of consumers in the  
15 state; and

16 (3) while significant opportunities for waste reduction and  
17 recycling exist, public education is required to ensure that consumers are  
18 aware of these opportunities.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 46.11 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 46.11.070. REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARDS PROGRAM. (a) In  
21 consultation with the Department of Education, the Department of  
22 Environmental Conservation shall establish a waste reduction and  
23 recycling awards program under which the Department of Environmental  
24 Conservation may annually, subject to available funding, award grants  
25 of up to \$10,000 each to four or fewer school districts in recognition  
26 of their efforts to reduce and recycle waste generated in the adminis-  
27 trative offices, classrooms, laboratories, cafeterias, and maintenance  
28 operations of the school district.

29 (b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall, on

1 request, provide technical assistance to school districts concerning  
2 their opportunities to reduce and recycle wastes.

3 (c) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall adopt  
4 regulations to implement the awards program. For purposes of evaluat-  
5 ing school waste reduction and recycling programs, the department may  
6 group school districts according to geographical location, student  
7 population, distance to recycling markets, or other criteria con-  
8 sidered appropriate by the department.

9 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).