

**HOUSE BILL NO. 139**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to public recognition of pollution prevention and waste reduction and  
2 recycling efforts; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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

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

7 (2) the success of waste reduction and recycling initiatives is largely dependent upon the  
8 current and future behavior of consumers in the state; and

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

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

12 **Sec. 46.03.045. PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF POLLUTION PREVENTION EFFORTS.**

13 In addition to the school awards program under AS 46.11.070, the department may identify,  
14 document, and publicly acknowledge exemplary pollution prevention achievements by individuals,

1 businesses, or government agencies in the state.

2 \* Sec. 3. AS 46.11 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 Sec. 46.11.070. WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARDS FOR SCHOOLS.

4 (a) In consultation with the Department of Education, the Department of Environmental  
5 Conservation shall establish a waste reduction and recycling awards program under which the  
6 Department of Environmental Conservation may annually, subject to available funding, award  
7 grants of up to \$5,000 each to public schools in recognition of their efforts and the efforts of  
8 their students to reduce and recycle waste generated in the administrative offices, classrooms,  
9 laboratories, cafeterias, and maintenance operations of the schools.

10 (b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall, on request, provide technical  
11 assistance to schools concerning their opportunities to reduce and recycle wastes.

12 (c) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall adopt regulations to implement  
13 the awards program. For purposes of evaluating school waste reduction and recycling programs,  
14 the department may group schools according to geographical location, student population,  
15 distance to recycling markets, or other criteria considered appropriate by the department.

16 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).