

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 139 (HES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Referred: Resources, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BROWN, Ellis, Ulmer, Boyer, Finkelstein, Koponen, Kubina, Navarre

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to public recognition of, and incentives for, pollution prevention and
2 waste reduction and 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 \$2,000 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 (d) The Department of Environmental Conservation may accept and use restricted grants
17 of money or other assistance from private persons or groups to fund the awards made under (a)
18 of this section.

19 (e) The Department of Environmental Conservation may not use state money to fund
20 awards made under (a) of this section unless an appropriation is made specifically for the
21 purposes of (a) of this section.

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