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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3687

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; creating a standard for state purchase of printer  
1.3 cartridges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 16C.073,  
1.4 subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 16C.073, subdivision 2, is  
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Purchases.** (a) Whenever practicable, a public entity shall:

1.9 (1) purchase uncoated copy paper, office paper, and printing paper;

1.10 (2) purchase recycled content copy paper with at least 30 percent postconsumer  
1.11 material by weight and purchase printing and office paper with at least ten percent  
1.12 postconsumer material by weight;

1.13 (3) purchase copy, office, and printing paper which has not been dyed with colors,  
1.14 excluding pastel colors;

1.15 (4) purchase recycled content copy, office, and printing paper that is manufactured  
1.16 using little or no chlorine bleach or chlorine derivatives;

1.17 (5) use reusable binding materials or staples and bind documents by methods that do  
1.18 not use glue;

1.19 (6) use soy-based inks;

1.20 (7) purchase printer or duplication cartridges that:

1.21 (i) have ten percent postconsumer material; or

1.22 (ii) are purchased as remanufactured; or

2.1 (iii) are backed by a vendor-offered program that will take back the printer cartridges  
2.2 after their useful life, ensure that the cartridge is recycled, and comply with the definition  
2.3 of recycling in section 115A.03, subdivision 25b;

2.4 ~~(7)~~ (8) produce reports, publications, and periodicals that are readily recyclable; and

2.5 ~~(8)~~ (9) purchase paper which has been made on a paper machine located in Minnesota.

2.6 (b) Paragraph (a), clause (1), does not apply to coated paper that is made with at  
2.7 least 50 percent postconsumer material.

2.8 (c) A public entity shall print documents on both sides of the paper where commonly  
2.9 accepted publishing practices allow.