

RECYCLING TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires certain recyclers to publish information about the end location of recyclable materials.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires a recycler who bills customers through a political subdivision's billing and collection system to publish data about the end location of recyclable materials collected by the recycler.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

19-6-509, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **19-6-509** is enacted to read:

19-6-509. Recycling data.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Municipal solid waste" means nonhazardous solid waste, including garbage,
30 refuse, office waste, or other similar material that results from the operation of residential,
31 municipal, commercial, or institutional establishments or community activities.

32 (b) "Recyclable material" means municipal solid waste that is suitable for recycling.

33 (c) "Recycle" means to take action to recover recyclable materials from the municipal
34 solid waste stream for the purposes of use or reuse, conversion into raw materials, or use in the
35 production of new products.

36 (d) "Recycler" means the owner or operator of a facility, including a facility that is
37 owned by a political subdivision, that:

38 (i) recycles recyclable material; and

39 (ii) uses the billing and collection system of a political subdivision to bill or collect
40 payment from the recycler's customers.

41 (2) A recycler shall publish, in accordance with Subsection (3) and according to the
42 best of the recycler's knowledge:

43 (a) by category, the approximate tonnage of recyclable material collected by the
44 recycler that was:

45 (i) disposed in a landfill;

46 (ii) used for energy production;

47 (iii) recycled; and

48 (iv) transported out of the country; and

49 (b) the approximate tonnage of recyclable material collected by the recycler that had an
50 end location or was disposed of in a way other than a way described in Subsection (2)(a).

51 (3) (a) A recycler shall publish the information described in Subsection (2) at least two
52 times each calendar year:

53 (i) as an insert with or attachment to the bill that is sent to the recycler's customers; and

54 (ii) if the recycler maintains a publicly accessible website, on that website.

55 (b) A recycler's publication of information under this section shall include the required
56 data for the longer of:

57 (i) the time since the recycler last published the data; or

58 (ii) six months before the date of the publication.