

1 **RECYCLING TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENTS**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

5 Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires certain recyclable material haulers to publish information about the
10 end location of recyclable materials.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ requires a recyclable material hauler who bills customers through a political

15 subdivision's billing and collection system to provide, to the political subdivision,
16 data about the end location of recyclable materials collected by the recyclable
17 material hauler; and

- 18 ▶ requires a political subdivision to publish the recycling data in a newsletter and, if
19 available, on the political subdivision's website.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **19-6-509**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

30 19-6-509. Recycling data.

31 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

36 (c) "Recyclable material hauler" means a person, including a political subdivision,
37 who:

38 (i) for compensation, collects and transports recyclable material; and

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

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

44 (2) A recyclable material hauler shall report, in accordance with Subsection (3) and
45 according to the best of the recycler's knowledge, the approximate tonnage of recyclable
46 material collected by the recyclable material hauler that the recyclable material hauler delivered
47 to:

48 (a) a landfill; and

49 (b) a recycling facility.

50 (3) (a) At least two times each calendar year, a recyclable material hauler shall provide
51 the information described in Subsection (2) to the political subdivision whose billing and
52 collection system the recyclable material hauler uses.

53 (b) The recyclable material hauler shall provide data under Subsection (3)(a) for the
54 longer of:

55 (i) the time since the recyclable material hauler last provided the data; or

56 (ii) six months before the day on which the data is provided.

57 (4) Within 45 days after the day on which a recyclable material hauler provides data

58 under this section, a political subdivision shall publish the data, as available:

59 (a) in a newsletter produced by the municipality; and

60 (b) on a website operated by the municipality.