18.1261a Recycled supplies, materials, and equipment; effect of noncompliance; exemption; cost considerations; report; “recycled materials” defined.

Sec. 261a. (1) In addition to the requirements of section 261, the following percentages of all supplies, materials, and equipment shall be made from recycled materials, if there is a readily identifiable source or market as determined by the director, and the cost does not exceed 110% of supplies, materials, and equipment not containing recycled materials: for 1989, 10%; for 1990, 15%; and for 1991 and each year thereafter, 20%.

(2) If the department is unable to comply with the requirement of this section, the department shall do both of the following:

(a) With the assistance of any state agency that utilizes the supply, material, or equipment, seek a supply, material, or equipment that fulfills the requirements of subsection (1).

(b) Report to the legislature and the affected state agency that the department is unable to comply with subsection (1), the reason for the inability to comply, and the efforts made by the department to comply.

(3) If a state agency informs the department that it is unable to utilize a recycled supply, material, or equipment, the agency shall request and justify an exemption from subsection (1) in writing. The department may grant an exemption from the requirements of subsection (1) upon just cause.

(4) When the department fulfills its responsibilities under this act to purchase and contract for supplies, materials, equipment, and printing, it may consider the product longevity and the annual maintenance costs of the product as well as the unit price in determining whether the cost of the product with recycled materials exceeds the cost of a product not containing recycled materials by 110%.

(5) The department shall annually report to the governor and the legislature on the quantities and types of recycled products purchased by the department.

(6) As used in this section, "recycled materials" includes, but is not limited to, recycled paper products, structural materials made from recycled plastics, rerefined lubricating oils, reclaimed solvents, recycled asphalt and concrete, recycled glass products, retreaded tires, and ferrous and nonferrous metals containing recycled scrap metals, that contain 1 or more of the following in a percentage as determined by the department as provided by law:

(a) Waste materials generated by a business or a consumer.

(b) Materials that have served their intended purpose.

(c) Materials that have been separated from solid waste for purposes of collection, recycling, and disposition.


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