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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2579

Introduced by Assembly Member Low

February 19, 2016

An act relating to ~~recycling~~ *solid waste*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2579, as amended, Low. Food service packaging products: ~~extended producer responsibility program~~: study.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste.

This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2018, to complete a study to establish baseline data relating to food service packaging that contains specified information, including the current and potential markets for recycled and composted food service packaging products.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this section, “food service
2 packaging” means single-use packaging products used by food

1 service providers for their customers for food that is prepared
2 onsite.

3 (b) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Resources
4 Recycling and Recovery shall complete a study to establish
5 baseline data relating to food service packaging.

6 (c) The study required pursuant to subdivision (b) shall contain
7 all of the following information:

8 (1) The amount of food service packaging, by material type,
9 used in California and the disposition of the products, including
10 the percentages recycled, composted, and ~~disposed~~, *disposed* and
11 an estimate of the percentage littered.

12 (2) The facilities located in the state that accept food service
13 packaging for recycling or composting, the cities ~~they~~ *those*
14 *facilities* serve, and the infrastructure needed to increase the
15 recycling rate to reach California's statewide recycling goal of 75
16 percent and reduce litter.

17 (3) The current and potential markets for recycled and
18 composted food service packaging products.

19 (4) Barriers to *the* increased recycling and composting of food
20 service packaging and steps that may be taken to remove those
21 barriers.