A bill for an act

relating to state government; making changes to state government resource recovery program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivisions 2, 9, 10; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivisions 4, 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Duties of commissioner of administration.** The commissioner of administration shall develop policies to require state agencies and the state legislature to separate all recyclable and reusable commodities wherever feasible. ~~The commissioner shall develop and institute procedures for the separation, collection, and storage of used commodities wherever feasible in state agencies and shall establish policies for the reuse, sale, or disposition of recovered materials and surplus property. The commissioner shall promote and publicize the waste reduction and waste separation and recovery procedures on an ongoing basis to all state employees.~~ The commissioner shall issue guidelines for the procurement of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials that include definitions of recycled materials, the percentage of recycled materials to be contained in each commodity and performance specifications. To the extent practicable, the guidelines shall be written so as to give preference to recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials. The commissioner shall inform state agencies whenever recycled commodities are available for purchase. The commissioner shall investigate opportunities for the inclusion of and may include local governments and regional agencies in administrative state programs to reduce waste, and to separate and recover recyclable and reusable commodities.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Recycling goal.** ~~By December 31, 1996, the commissioner shall~~ The goal of resource recovery is to recycle at least 60 percent ~~by weight~~ of the solid waste generated by state offices and other state operations ~~located in the metropolitan area~~. By March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report to the Pollution Control Agency the estimated recycling rates ~~by county for state offices and other state operations in the metropolitan area for the previous calendar year~~ for all state offices and state operations in facilities under the custodial control of the Department of Administration. The Pollution Control Agency shall incorporate these figures into the reports submitted by other state offices and state operations in the metropolitan area and by the counties under section 115A.557, subdivision 3, to determine each county's progress toward the goal in section 115A.551, subdivision 2.

Each state agency in the metropolitan area shall work to meet the recycling goal individually. ~~If the goal is not met by an agency, the commissioner shall notify that agency that the goal has not been met and the reasons the goal has not been met and shall provide information to the employees in the agency regarding recycling opportunities and expectations.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Materials recovery facility; materials collection; waste audits.** (a) ~~The commissioner of the Department of Administration shall establish a central materials recovery facility to manage recyclable materials collected from state offices and other state operations in the metropolitan area. The facility must be located as close as practicable to the State Capitol complex and must be large enough to accommodate temporary storage of recyclable materials collected from state offices and other state operations in the metropolitan area and the processing of those materials for market.~~

~~(b)~~ The commissioner shall establish a recyclable materials collection and transportation system for state offices and other state operations in the metropolitan area that will maximize the types and amount of materials collected and the number of state offices and other state operations served, and will minimize barriers to effective and efficient collection, transportation, and marketing of recyclable materials.

~~(c) The commissioner shall perform regular audits on the solid waste and recyclable materials collected to identify materials upon which to focus waste reduction, reuse, and recycling activities and to measure:~~

~~(1) progress made toward the recycling goal in subdivision 9;~~

~~(2) progress made to reduce waste generation; and~~

~~(3) potential for additional waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.~~

~~(d)~~ (b) The commissioner may contract with private entities for the activities required in this subdivision if the commissioner determines that it would be cost-effective to do so.

Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 115A.15, subdivisions 4 and 6, are repealed.