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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; creating pilot program to encourage private businesses

1.3 to adopt practices that reduce mixed municipal solid waste; requiring a report;

1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE MIXED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**

1.7 **GENERATED BY PRIVATE SECTOR.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have

1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Compensation" means money, the reduction of a monetary obligation owed by a

1.11 waste generator to a participating local government, or some other monetary benefit, as

1.12 determined by each participating local government.

1.13 (c) "Mixed municipal solid waste" has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes,

1.14 section 115A.03.

1.15 (d) "Participating local government" means Prairie Lakes Solid Waste Authority and

1.16 the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board.

1.17 (e) "Pilot period" means January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.

1.18 (f) "Waste generator" means a private individual or entity engaged in a business that

1.19 generates mixed municipal solid waste in the ordinary course of the individual's or entity's

1.20 business.

(g) "Waste reduction practice" means a practice that constitutes waste reduction, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 36b, or the operation of a recycling or composting program.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** A pilot program is established to facilitate reducing mixed municipal solid waste by providing compensation to waste generators that adopt waste reduction practices.

Subd. 3. **Duties of participating local government.** Each participating local government must:

(1) notify waste generators within the participating local government's jurisdiction about the availability of compensation under the pilot program and the process for applying for compensation;

(2) identify waste reduction practices that are eligible for compensation under the pilot program. A local government must prioritize adopting waste reduction practices where none are currently in place for compensation;

(3) develop a method for quantifying the reduction of mixed municipal solid waste likely to result from implementing each eligible waste reduction practice;

(4) provide compensation to waste generators that implement an eligible waste reduction practice during the entire pilot period. Compensation must be based on the size of the reduction of mixed municipal solid waste resulting from implementing waste reduction practices;

(5) establish and implement a method for monitoring compliance with program requirements;

(6) estimate the reduction of mixed municipal solid waste achieved as a result of the pilot program; and

(7) document and include in reports required under subdivision 7 the time and cost of administering the pilot program.

Subd. 4. **Duties of waste generators.** To be eligible for compensation under this section, a waste generator must:

(1) maintain during the entire pilot period one or more eligible waste reduction practices; and

(2) produce any documentation or evidence requested by a participating local government related to implementing an eligible waste reduction practice during the pilot period.

3.1 Subd. 5. **Reductions count toward waste reduction goals.** The reduction in mixed
3.2 municipal solid waste documented by a participating local government under subdivision
3.3 3, clause (6), counts toward any applicable statutory waste reduction requirements.

3.4 Subd. 6. **Targeted efforts.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a
3.5 participating local government to make compensation available for a particular waste
3.6 reduction practice or for a particular class of waste generators. A participating local
3.7 government may make compensation available only for certain classes of waste generators
3.8 or only for certain classes of waste reduction practices when doing so is likely to result in
3.9 a greater reduction in mixed municipal solid waste.

3.10 Subd. 7. **Reporting required.** Each participating local government must submit the
3.11 following reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
3.12 and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources:

3.13 (1) by September 1, 2020, a report on the structure and design of the pilot program,
3.14 including information on the manner in which the participating local government will
3.15 implement each of the requirements in subdivision (3), clauses (1) to (7);

3.16 (2) by September 1, 2021, an interim report that covers the first six months of the pilot
3.17 program and that includes information about the number of participants, the number and
3.18 type of waste reduction practices implemented, and the estimated reduction in mixed
3.19 municipal solid waste generated; and

3.20 (3) by February 1, 2022, a final report that covers the full pilot period and that includes
3.21 information about the number of participants, the number and type of waste reduction
3.22 practices implemented, the estimated reduction in mixed municipal solid waste generated,
3.23 and recommendations regarding expansion of the program to additional counties.

3.24 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE MIXED MUNICIPAL**
3.25 **SOLID WASTE GENERATED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.**

3.26 \$..... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the fund to the commissioner of the
3.27 Pollution Control Agency to provide grants in equal amounts to Prairie Lakes Solid Waste
3.28 Authority and to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board for the pilot program
3.29 established in section 1. The Prairie Lakes Solid Waste Authority and the
3.30 Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board may use a portion of the money to pay
3.31 for staffing, consultant, and other administrative costs related to operating the program.
3.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is available in fiscal years 2021 and 2022.