

House Study Bill 661 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON OLSON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to recycling initiatives.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. GREEN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND GREEN ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE — PURPOSE.

3 1. The purpose for the creation of the green advisory
4 committee and the green certification program pursuant to this
5 Act is to enhance efforts to promote environmental stewardship
6 by encouraging responsible environmental management and
7 recycling.

8 2. The general assembly finds and declares all of the
9 following:

10 a. The green advisory committee is urged to further
11 the policy of responsible environmental management by
12 encouraging recycling projects that operate in an innovative,
13 cost-effective, technologically advanced, and environmentally
14 sensitive manner.

15 b. The concept of environmental stewardship embraces every
16 aspect of the environmental footprint left by the creation and
17 use of disposable goods and every effort should be made to
18 recycle and reuse such goods in an environmentally responsible
19 way.

20 c. Managing recycling can help to mitigate the climate
21 change impacts by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases
22 released into the atmosphere and improving water quality.

23 d. The goal of managing resources in a sustainable manner
24 is to increase the benefits to communities and society for the
25 present and for the future.

26 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455D.51 Green certification program —
27 green advisory committee.

28 1. a. A green advisory committee is established. The
29 department shall provide staffing for the advisory committee.
30 The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

31 (1) By January 1, 2011, provide written recommendations to
32 the commission for purposes of creating a green certification
33 program as provided in subsection 2.

34 (2) By January 1, 2011, provide written recommendations to
35 the department regarding criteria for creating the recycling

1 vendor and resource green list as provided in subsection 3.

2 (3) By January 1, 2011, provide written recommendations to
3 the department regarding possible funding options to support
4 the activities in subsection 4.

5 (4) Beginning January 1, 2011, meet at least once a year for
6 purposes of reviewing the green certification program and the
7 criteria for the recycling vendor and resource green list.

8 *b.* The advisory committee shall consist of the following
9 voting members:

10 (1) Three members nominated by the Iowa recycling
11 association. One member shall have expertise in the recycling
12 of paper and cardboard, one member shall have expertise in
13 the recycling of plastic and glass, and one member shall have
14 expertise in the recycling of metals that are not located in or
15 that are not from a scrapyards.

16 (2) One member nominated by the Iowa society of solid waste
17 operations.

18 (3) Three members nominated by the Iowa society of solid
19 waste operations representing solid waste planning areas of
20 various sizes and from various locations across the state.

21 (4) One member nominated by the Iowa league of cities.

22 (5) One member nominated by the solid waste association
23 of north America representing private solid waste disposal
24 entities. The member shall have expertise in the hauling of
25 solid waste.

26 (6) The director of the department of natural resources, or
27 the director's designee.

28 (7) One member nominated by the Iowa environmental council.

29 (8) One member nominated by the league of women voters of
30 Iowa.

31 (9) One member nominated by the Iowa wholesale beer
32 distributors association.

33 (10) One member nominated by the Iowa beverage association
34 representing juice and soft drink distributors.

35 (11) One member nominated by the Iowa bottle bill coalition

1 representing independent redemption centers.

2 (12) One member nominated by the Iowa state association of
3 counties.

4 (13) One member nominated by the Iowa farm bureau
5 federation.

6 (14) One member nominated by the Iowa association of
7 business and industry.

8 (15) One member nominated by the home builders association
9 of Iowa.

10 (16) The director of the alcoholic beverages division of the
11 department of commerce, or the director's designee.

12 (17) One member nominated by keep Iowa beautiful.

13 (18) One member nominated by the Iowa grocery industry
14 association.

15 (19) One member nominated by the Iowa dairy foods
16 association.

17 (20) One member nominated by the petroleum marketers and
18 convenience stores of Iowa.

19 (21) One member nominated by the Iowa retail federation.

20 (22) One member nominated by the Iowa wine growers
21 association.

22 (23) The director of transportation, or the director's
23 designee.

24 (24) One member nominated by the Iowa division of the Izaak
25 Walton league.

26 (25) One member nominated by the American chemistry
27 council.

28 (26) One member nominated by the Iowa chapter of the sierra
29 club.

30 (27) One member representing the brewer industry who is a
31 member of the beer institute and who sells beer in Iowa and
32 surrounding states.

33 c. The voting members shall be appointed by the governor
34 in compliance with the requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A,
35 and 69.19. The terms of the members appointed by the governor

1 shall be staggered at the discretion of the governor.

2 *d.* The advisory committee shall annually elect a
3 chairperson. A majority of the members of the advisory
4 committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 *e.* The members of the advisory committee shall be reimbursed
6 for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the
7 discharge of their official duties.

8 2. The commission shall adopt rules to establish a green
9 certification program to be administered by the department. As
10 used in this section, "*green certification*" means certification
11 granted by the department to a business that meets certain
12 minimum requirements or standards in waste reduction, reuse,
13 and recycling. The commission shall collaborate with the green
14 advisory committee in creating the program.

15 3. The department shall develop, publish, and make
16 electronically available a recycling vendor and resource green
17 list. The list shall identify vendors, contacts, and resources
18 who meet certain criteria for providing recycling services.
19 The department shall collaborate with the green advisory
20 committee in determining the criteria for the list.

21 4. The department shall develop and implement an ongoing,
22 statewide communication and outreach educational resource
23 program regarding recycling.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill relates to recycling initiatives.

26 The bill establishes a green advisory committee appointed
27 by the governor to provide written recommendations to the
28 environmental protection commission for purposes of creating a
29 green certification program, to provide written recommendations
30 to the department of natural resources regarding criteria
31 for creating a recycling vendor and resource green list, to
32 provide written recommendations to the department regarding
33 possible funding options to support the educational activities
34 of the department in the area of recycling, and periodically
35 review the green certification program and the criteria for the

1 recycling vendor and resource green list.

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