

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Combat Climate Change Workgroup (2023)

Meeting #12
December 13, 2023



Meeting #12 Agenda: Policy Language

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Overview of Workgroup Logistics, Purpose

Policy Feedback: Draft Bill

- Workgroup Input: Strengths & Concerns/Issues

Next steps and adjourn

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 3, 12-2pm**

Housekeeping

- Please mute your lines if not speaking
- If you are having technical difficulties, chat Sam Kwok
- Presentation portion of today's meeting is being recorded
- All our presenters will present and then we will have time for Q&A
- Please raise your hand by clicking on the “participants” button and clicking on the hand by your name if you have a question
 - I will call on people
- You can also put questions in the chat at anytime and we will answer them during the Q&A portion

Workgroup Purpose

Purpose: Divert organic material and improve the organic material management system in Washington in order to reduce methane and combat climate change.

Role: Gather stakeholder input to inform policy tailored for Washington about mandating composting and other organic waste diversion from landfill, waste and food donation, contamination, facility siting, and waste reduction, among other topics. This policy builds on HB1799, which set policies in motion, so that Washington can more fully develop its own version of California's SB 1383 and provide certainty for our residents, government agencies, and businesses to prepare for future actions.

Workgroup Structure

- Made up of a diverse set of stakeholder organizations
- Two meetings per month through end of year
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 - Exceptions include an additional meeting on December 13
- Meeting content will include:
 - Presentations of background info (recorded)
 - Discussion of topics included in possible legislation (not recorded):
 - If there is agreement on a topic, that will be noted
 - If there is not agreement, issues/concerns will be identified
- Copies of information from each meeting will be posted at:
organicsworkgroup.org

Workgroup Facilitation

Agenda Committee: We have formed an agenda committee that will meet before each meeting to help chose topic areas and speakers for each meeting's agenda.

- Committee members include:
 - Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington
 - Alli Kingfisher, Ecology
 - Brad Lovaas, WRRRA
 - Hannah Scholes, King County
 - Jay Blazey, Cedar Grove Composting
 - Kate Kurtz, City of Seattle
 - Travis Dutton, WSAC
 - Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline

Facilitation: Julie Colehour and Sam Kwok of C+C have been hired by a group of stakeholders to facilitate this process. Funders include: King County, Zero Waste Washington, Food Lifeline, Lautenbach Recycling, Cedar Grove and Compost Manufacturing Alliance.

- Facilitation goal: Gather and accurately document all stakeholder feedback by topic area.

Meeting Topic Areas

- PAST:
 - Overview of HB1799 (Mtg #1, July 5)
 - Implementation of SB1383 in California (Mtg #2, July 18)
 - Local Perspective on Organics Program Implementation (Mtg #3, August 2)
 - HB1799 Implementation (State Perspective) (Mtg. #4, August 16)
 - Food Waste Prevention/Food Rescue (Mtg. #5, September 6)
 - Energy Generation/Credits/Carbon Sequestration in Soil (Mtg. #6, September 20)
 - Sources and targets (different materials); Geographic issues, including rates, collection approaches, apple maggot, etc.
 - Facility Siting, Zoning, Permitting & Infrastructure
 - Contamination, Education, and Schools
 - End Markets, Purchasing, and Procurement
 - Funding/Financing/Rates
- TODAY (MTG #12):
 - Policy Language Feedback
- FUTURE:
 - Policy Language Feedback

Policy Feedback



Draft Bill Summary

Sec. 101 Intent Section Placeholder.

Part II: Funding for Sustainable Food Management Priorities

- Sec. 201 Center for Sustainable Food Management Grants.
- Sec. 202 Sustainable Food Management Policy Implementation Grants
- Sec. 203 Center for Sustainable Food Management Duties
- Sec. 204 70A.65 Account edit
- Sec. 205 Washington Commodities Donation Grant Program
- Sec. 206 Waste Not Washington Awards Edits

Part III: Amendments to Solid Waste Laws

- Sec. 301 Mandated Residential curbside compost
- Sec. 302 Compost Facility Operator Training
- Sec. 303 Business diversion
- Sec. 304 Bin colors
- Sec. 305 Clopyralid and Aminopyralid banned as compost feedstocks

Part IV: Date labeling standardization

- Sec. 401 Date Labeling Standardization
- Sec. 402 Date labeling standardization
- Sec. 403 Date labeling standardization

Part V: Product Restrictions

- Sec. 501-- Stickers- Definitions
- Sec. 502. Prohibition on plastic produce stickers.

Part VI: Compost Purchases

- Sec 601.Funding as an alternative to compost purchases
- Sec 602. Compost Reimbursement Program Eligibility Amendment
- Sec. 603 Compost Procurement Reporting Amendment
- Sec. 604. Compost Purchase Reimbursement Account

Part VII: Miscellaneous

- Sec. 701- State Building code council amendments
- Sec. 702- Work group to study food donation by businesses.

Placeholders and Housekeeping in parts VIII and IX.

Input: Part II: Funding for Sustainable Food Management

*What criteria should be considered?

*Desired details about the process for applying to Ecology, the timing and duration of grants, etc.?

*Additional criteria that should go into prioritization for grant applications?

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions

Input: Part III: Amendments to Solid Waste Laws

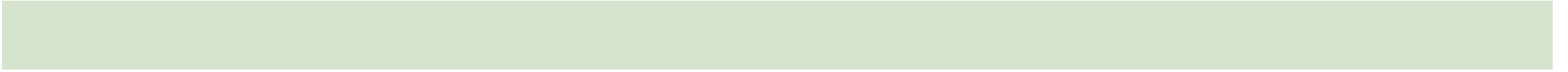
Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions

Input: Part IV: Date Labeling Standardization

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions

Input: Part V: Product Restrictions

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions



Input: Part VI: Compost Purchases

*What formula should be used?

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions

Input: Part VII: Miscellaneous

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions