

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Construction and Demolition Waste Study**

(1) The department must evaluate and assess the amount and types of construction and demolition waste. When conducting the evaluation, the department must ensure that producers of materials that commonly constitute construction and demolition wastes, providers of solid waste management services, and other stakeholders are consulted. The department must produce a report that includes an assessment of:

(a) The status of landfills in Washington that accept construction and demolition materials, including what types and volumes of materials such landfills are taking, where those materials are sourced from;

(b) The status of permitted and exempt Material Recovery Facilities in Washington that accept construction and demolition materials, including what types and volumes of materials such facilities are taking, where those materials are sourced from;

(b) Inbound contamination rates at Material Recovery Facilities in Washington that accept construction and demolition materials, including what types and volumes of materials comprise the contamination;

(c) Residual waste and outbound contamination rates at Material Recovery Facilities in Washington that accept construction and demolition materials, including what types and volumes of materials comprise the residuals, and the destinations of residuals;

(b) The status of current activities and opportunities for the reuse of specific types of construction materials;

(c) The status of current practices of source-separation of onsite construction and demolition materials, including the separation or salvage of materials for reuse, recycling, or remanufacturing and opportunities for minimizing disposal through adaptive reuse;

(d) Best practices and opportunities to establish standards for education and outreach to minimize disposal of construction and demolition wastes;

(e) Opportunities to improve accountability in the management of construction and demolition wastes, including through regulator oversight and independent certification processes;

(f) The status of current activities and opportunities to research, support, and create or stabilize end markets for construction and demolition materials that are not suitable for direct reuse;

(g) Policy options to mandate reuse of reused, salvaged, remanufactured, or recycled materials in new construction; and

(h) Practices and policies that increase the deconstruction of existing buildings for salvage, reuse, recycling, and remanufacture.

(2) Upon request of the department for purposes of implementing this section, a person must furnish to the department requested information. A person that that submits information or records to the department under this section may request that the information or records be made available only for the confidential use of the department, the director of the department, the appropriate division of the department. The director of the department must give consideration to the request and if this action is

not detrimental to the public interest and is otherwise in accordance with the policies and purposes of chapter 43.21A RCW, the director must grant the request for the information to remain confidential as authorized in RCW 43.21A.160.

(3) The department must contract with a third-party independent consultant to conduct the evaluation and assessment and write the report as required under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) By October 31, 2026, the department must submit a report on the evaluation and assessment of construction and demolition waste to the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must include:

(a) Findings regarding the amount and types of construction and demolition waste originating or being managed for reuse, recycling, or disposal in Washington;

(b) Recommendations to meet the goals of reducing construction and demolition waste, improving data gathered from material recovery facilities that accept construction and demolition materials, reducing the disposal of such waste, and increasing the salvage, reuse, and recycling of materials commonly found in construction and demolition wastes.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Department" means the department of ecology.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to 16.68 Offal Analysis and Pilots**

(1) The department of agriculture must complete, or arrange for the completion of, a market and economic analysis of offal disposal practices in Washington, including:

(a) Regional needs for offal disposal and appropriate disposal facility locations, including opportunities for composting, digestion, or rendering of offal;

(b) The impacts of existing and proposed regulations governing how facilities manage offal;

(c) The feasibility of expanding existing offal disposal facilities, including facilities that compost, digest, or render offal; and

(d) The potential size, location, and scale of economic incentive programs to manage the disposal of offal through means that minimize greenhouse gas emissions, including through composting, rendering, or digestion of offal.

(2) The department must implement a pilot program to carry out pilot projects at between three and five voluntarily participating facilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts associated with the disposal of offal through:

(a) increasing the throughput capacity of existing offal processing facilities;

(b) Increasing synergies with dairy digesters; and

(c) Installing and monitoring the efficacy of new technologies to improve offal disposal processes.

(3) The department must provide technical support to offal disposal facilities, including permitting assistance, in support of the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts associated with the disposal of offal.