

S 1194

Recycling and Composting Accountability Act

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Committee Activity

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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Markup By | Apr 26, 2023 |
| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Reported By | Jun 22, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 118 HR 4040 | Related bill | Jun 16, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials. |

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This bill establishes data collection and reporting requirements concerning composting and recycling programs.

Specifically, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must issue several reports related to composting and recycling, including a report on the capability of the United States to implement a national composting strategy in order to reduce contamination rates for recycling.

The EPA must also

- inventory certain facilities that recycle residential materials and describe the materials that the facilities can process;
- collect data related to curbside and drop-off recycling and composting programs in order to establish a comprehensive baseline of data for the U.S. recycling system; and
- develop and disseminate best practices that states, local governments, and Indian tribes may use to enhance recycling and composting.

The EPA must also develop a metric for determining the proportion of recyclable materials in commercial and municipal waste streams that is being diverted from circular markets, which are markets that utilize industrial processes and economic activities to enable post-industrial and post-consumer materials used in those processes and activities to maintain their highest values for as long as possible. After developing the metric, the EPA must then study the proportion of recyclable materials in such waste streams that were diverted from those markets in the prior ten years.

Finally, the Government Accountability Office must report on the recycling practices of federal agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 15, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 14, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2368-2370)
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2369-2370)
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Carper without amendment. With written report No. 118-42.
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 105.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Committee consideration held. Business Meeting printed. S. Hrg. 118-708.
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.