

1-1 By: Thompson of Brazoria H.B. No. 2763  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;  
 1-4 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
 1-5 Resources and Economic Development; May 22, 2015, reported  
 1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 22, 2015,  
 1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to a study of the current and potential economic impacts of  
 1-24 recycling.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-27 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on  
 1-28 Environmental Quality.

1-29 (2) "Recycling" has the meaning assigned by Section  
 1-30 [361.421](#), Health and Safety Code.

1-31 SECTION 2. STUDY OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RECYCLING. (a) The  
 1-32 commission shall conduct a study on the current and potential  
 1-33 economic impacts of recycling, including state and local revenue  
 1-34 that may be considered lost because recyclable materials are not  
 1-35 recycled. The study must:

1-36 (1) assess current recycling efforts, including by:

1-37 (A) quantifying the amount of materials  
 1-38 currently being recycled;

1-39 (B) assessing the cost, value, and quality of  
 1-40 materials currently being recycled; and

1-41 (C) estimating the amount of materials that could  
 1-42 be recycled but are not currently being recycled;

1-43 (2) identify methods that may be used, by the public  
 1-44 sector, the private sector, or both, to increase recycling,  
 1-45 including through the development of:

1-46 (A) new markets for recycled materials; and

1-47 (B) new businesses that may result from  
 1-48 recycling;

1-49 (3) investigate the current and potential  
 1-50 availability of funding for the methods identified under  
 1-51 Subdivision (2);

1-52 (4) assess the current types and number of jobs  
 1-53 associated with recycling and potential additional opportunities  
 1-54 for job creation that may result from increased recycling; and

1-55 (5) assess infrastructure needs and development  
 1-56 opportunities associated with recycling in rural areas.

1-57 (b) To the extent practicable, the commission shall use  
 1-58 methodologies developed for other recycling studies performed in  
 1-59 this state in performing the study under this section.

1-60 (c) The commission shall prepare a written report on the  
 1-61 results of the study and include the report in the 2016 summary

2-1 report titled "Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review."  
2-2 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.  
2-3 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
2-4 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
2-5 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
2-6 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
2-7 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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