

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 11, 2023
Date

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB23-253 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 9.

2 Page 3, strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

3 (a) COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING ARE TWO OF THE MOST
4 COST-EFFECTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS THAT CAN BE
5 IMPLEMENTED;

6 (b) LANDFILLING FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD TRIMMINGS CAUSES
7 THESE ORGANIC MATERIALS TO DECOMPOSE WITHOUT OXYGEN CREATING
8 VAST AMOUNTS OF METHANE, A GREENHOUSE GAS THAT IS EIGHTY-FOUR
9 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE SHORT TERM;

10 (c) DIVERTING THESE ORGANIC MATERIALS INTO LOCAL CIRCULAR
11 SYSTEMS CREATES JOBS AND SUPPORTS THE GROWING NUMBER OF
12 COMPOSTING HAULING AND PROCESSING BUSINESSES IN THE STATE;

13 (d) FINISHED COMPOST IS A VALUABLE SOIL AMENDMENT THAT
14 BUILDS HEALTHIER SOILS THAT ARE MORE RESILIENT TO DROUGHT AND
15 FLOODING AND CREATES MORE PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LANDS;".

16 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

17 Page 3, line 3, strike "THEIR POTENTIAL BENEFITS," and substitute "THE
18 POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS AND PRODUCTS,".

19 Page 3, strikes lines 13 through 19 and substitute:

20 (I) CREATING CONFUSION AND CAUSING UNDUE COST BURDEN TO
21 INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS CONSUMERS;".

- 1 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- 2 Page 3, lines 22 and 23, strike "STREAMS WITH PLASTIC PRODUCTS THAT
3 DO NOT COMPOST;" and substitute "STREAMS; AND".
- 4 Page 3, strike lines 24 and 25.
- 5 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 6 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 8.
- 7 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 8 Page 4, line 11, strike "COMPOSTABILITY" and substitute
9 "COMPOSTABILITY;".
- 10 Page 4, strike lines 12 through 14.
- 11 Page 4, line 17, after "STANDARDS;" add "AND".
- 12 Page 4, strike lines 18 through 22.
- 13 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
- 14 Page 4, strike lines 23 through 26, and substitute:
15 (i) IMPLEMENTING A STANDARDIZED SYSTEM AND VERIFICATION
16 METHODS".
- 17 Page 4, line 27, strike "THESE" and substitute "COMPOST".
- 18 Page 5, line 4, strike "COMPOSTABLE" and substitute "COMPOSTABLE."
- 19 Page 5, strike lines 5 and 6.
- 20 Page 5, strike lines 26 and 27.
- 21 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 11 and substitute:
22 (5) "BIODEGRADABLE MULCH FILM" MEANS ANY FILM PRODUCT
23 USED AS A TECHNICAL TOOL IN COMMERCIAL FARMING APPLICATIONS
24 THAT:
25 (a) FULFILLS THE PLANT GROWTH AND REGULATED METALS

- 1 REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM D6400; AND
2 (b) SHOWS AT LEAST A NINETY PERCENT BIODEGRADATION
3 ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE TO MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE OVER A
4 PERIOD OF LESS THAN TWO YEARS ACCORDING TO ISO 17556 OR ASTM
5 5988."
- 6 Page 6, strike line 27.
- 7 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 3.
- 8 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 9 Page 7, strike line 7.
- 10 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 11 Page 8, strike lines 4 through 9.
- 12 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 13 Page 8, lines 16 and 17, strike "COMPONENT THAT INCLUDES PACKAGING
14 PEANUTS;" and substitute "COMPONENT;".
- 15 Page 8, line 20, before "PRODUCER" insert "(a)".
- 16 Page 8, after line 21 insert:
- 17 "(b) "PRODUCER" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSON DESCRIBED IN
18 SECTION 25-17-713 (1)."
- 19 Page 10, line 2, strike "OR BEIGE-COLORED".
- 20 Page 10, line 3, strike "OR BEIGE".
- 21 Strike page 11 and substitute "WOOD".
- 22 Page 12, strike lines 1 through 9.
- 23 Renumber succeeding C.R.S. sections accordingly.
- 24 Page 12, strike line 17 and substitute "SECTION 25-17-803; OR".
- 25 Page 14, lines 5 and 6, strike "**forum - unfair or deceptive trade**

- 1 **practice.**" and substitute "**forum.**".
- 2 Page 14, strike lines 22 through 27.
- 3 Page 15, strike lines 1 through 4.
- 4 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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