

**Introduced by Senator Sher**

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An act relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 20, as introduced, Sher. Solid waste: electronic waste products: recycling and refurbishment.

Existing law requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to administer state programs to recycle plastic trash bags, plastic packaging containers, waste tires, newsprint, and other specified materials.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that funds are available to assist cities, counties, and recyclers of electronic wastes in developing programs to safely collect and recycle the hazardous materials contained in electronic wastes, and to promote the refurbishment and reuse of electronic equipment for use by schools and nonprofit agencies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Many electronic waste products contain hazardous
- 4 materials that may pose risks to public health and the environment
- 5 if improperly handled or discarded.

1 (b) Most California communities lack the infrastructure  
2 needed to provide for the convenient and affordable collection,  
3 refurbishment, processing, and recycling of electronic wastes.

4 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that funds are  
5 available to assist cities, counties, and recyclers of electronic  
6 wastes in developing programs to safely collect and recycle the  
7 hazardous materials contained in electronic wastes.

8 (d) It is also the intent of the Legislature to promote the  
9 refurbishment and reuse of electronic equipment for use by  
10 schools and nonprofit agencies.

