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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 254

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 254

2021 Assembly Bill 254 makes various changes to the state's electronic waste recycling program. Among these changes, the bill directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create and administer a grant program to expand electronics waste recycling and recovery programs in underserved areas of the state. Funding for the grant program is provided from the environmental fund through an existing appropriation for the electronic waste recycling program. [See s. 20.320 (4) (hr), Stats.]

Under the bill's grant program, grants may be provided to local units of government, businesses, and nonprofit entities, including religious nonprofit entities. The grants may be awarded for the purpose of hosting a collection site or collection event, or a series of collection sites or collection events. Grants may be used to rent space or acquire materials necessary to host a collection site or collection event, advertise for a site or event, and cover staff expenses for a site or event. Additionally, grants may be used to provide for the transportation of collected electronic devices to a registered recycler, as well as other expenses allowed by DNR.

Under the grant program, a grant recipient must provide matching funds equal to at least 20 percent of the cost of the project for which the grant is awarded. The bill also specifies priority criteria for DNR to use when awarding grants.

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Assembly Amendment 1 adds tribal governing bodies to the list of entities that are eligible to receive grants for collection sites or collection events through the new grant program created by the bill.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Mursau offered Assembly Amendment 1 on April 13, 2021. On June 16, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Environment voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. Representative Shankland indicated that she would have voted in favor of the amendment and the bill if she had been present.

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