



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 797

2 WHEREAS, The State is a highly visible model for Illinois'
3 citizens, businesses, industries, and local governments; and

4 WHEREAS, The State can demonstrate leadership by
5 incorporating environmentally sustainable practices into its
6 buildings and operations that preserve natural resources,
7 conserve energy and water, eliminate waste and emissions, and
8 lessen overall environmental impact; and

9 WHEREAS, The State constitutes a large consumer of goods
10 and services, which, in the course of their manufacture, use,
11 and disposition, impact the quality of the environment and
12 public health; and

13 WHEREAS, The procurement of environmentally preferable
14 goods and services by the State can minimize the hazardous
15 impacts of manufacturing and disposal, improve the safety of
16 product users and building occupants, reduce the need to
17 extract raw materials, and save energy and water usage in
18 buildings; and

19 WHEREAS, Buying recycled content products can ensure that
20 materials collected in community recycling programs will be
21 used again in the manufacture of new products and support the
22 creation of new businesses that use recycled feedstock in their
23 manufacturing processes; and

24 WHEREAS, State government has made significant strides in
25 the purchase of recycled content products as well as selected
26 energy efficient and low toxicity products; and

27 WHEREAS, State procurement officials can apply the
28 government's purchasing power to improve and strengthen
29 markets for environmentally preferable products; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 urge the Governor to establish a Working Group on
5 Environmentally Preferable Purchasing within State government,
6 which shall be composed of the Director or Secretary or his or
7 her designee of the following executive State agencies: the
8 Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Central
9 Management Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, the
10 Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Commerce
11 and Economic Opportunity; and, immediately after appointment
12 of members, the Working Group shall meet and organize by
13 electing a chair and establishing operating guidelines; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Working Group on Environmentally
16 Preferable Purchasing shall review State purchasing policies
17 and procedures to identify opportunities that would enhance the
18 purchase of environmentally preferable products and services
19 by State government, consistent with other traditional
20 purchasing factors, such as price, performance, and
21 availability considerations; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Working Group on Environmentally
23 Preferable Purchasing shall prepare and submit a report to the
24 General Assembly that includes recommendations for
25 administrative and legislative changes that may be necessary to
26 enhance the purchase of environmentally preferable products by
27 State government, including but not limited to, staff training,
28 information dissemination, pilot testing of new and innovative
29 products, changes in internal procedures and specifications,
30 and tracking of product purchases; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the report shall be submitted to the General
32 Assembly by January 1, 2005; Following submission of the

1 report, the working group shall cease to exist; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That all State agencies shall cooperate in
4 information gathering by the Working Group on Environmentally
5 Preferable Purchasing for the purpose of evaluating the
6 procurement of environmentally preferable products by State
7 government; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That environmentally preferable procurement is a
9 process for purchasing products or services that have a lesser
10 or reduced effect on human health and the environment when
11 compared with competing products or services that serve the
12 same purpose; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That environmentally preferable products may
14 include, but are not limited to: recycled content products,
15 energy and water efficient products, alternative fuel and
16 hybrid electric vehicles, bio-based products, low or non-toxic
17 materials, and products using renewable energy or made from
18 renewable resources.