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### Overview

Makes changes in laws governing the state government resource recovery program.

- 1 Waiver; waste contracts.** Authorizes the commissioner of administration to contract with an outside vendor for waste removal services, without determining that no state employee is available to perform the services.
- 2 Duties of commissioner of administration.** Strikes requirements for the Commissioner of Administration to: have procedures for separation, collection, and storage of used commodities; have policies for reuse, sale or disposition of recovered materials and surplus property; and promote and publicize the waste reduction and waste separation and recovery procedures to all state employees.
- 3 Recycling goal.** Provides that it is a goal, not a mandate, to recycle at least 60 percent of the solid waste generated by state offices and operations. Strikes language providing that the 60 percent is measured by weight. Strikes the limitation of this language to the metropolitan area, and provides that it applies to state offices and operations under custodial control of the Department of Administration. Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Administration to notify an agency if its goal is not met.
- 4 Materials recovery facility.** Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Administration to establish a central facility to manage recyclable materials in the metro area. Strikes requirement that the commissioner perform regular audits on solid waste and recyclable materials collected.
- 5 Repeal.** Repeals section 115A.15, subdivisions 4 (commissioner shall employ staff to manage the resource recovery program).