



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance establishing a compost procurement policy

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

The Legislature in 2022 adopted House Bill 1799, requiring counties like Whatcom to adopt a compost procurement ordinance by January 1, 2023. The requirement is codified in RCW 43.19A.150. The intent of the ordinance is to encourage cities and counties to procure more of the compost and finished products created from their organic material wastes in order to support the economic viability of composting and increasing the likelihood that composting and other responsible organic material management options are economically viable.

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### **HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
03/07/2023	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Public Works & Health Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
03/21/2023	Council Public Works & Health Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	

03/21/2023 Council

ADOPTED

Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

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**Attachments:** Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance