

Little Hoover Commission- SB 1383 Implementation

Report Recommendations

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Recommendation 1: The state should enact a temporary pause on SB 1383 implementation while the recommendations cited above – and discussed in more detail throughout this report – are implemented.

Recommendation 2: The state should fund an educational campaign that explains to Californians why the SB 1383 requirements are important.

Recommendation 3: CalEPA, CalRecycle, and CARB should coordinate to prevent conflicting directives and produce consistent and clear guidelines.

Recommendation 4: The Legislature and Governor should require a multidisciplinary team to develop recommendations on how to expand market opportunities for recycled organic waste.

Recommendation 5: The state should reconfigure the relationship between state agencies and local governments to better reflect statutorily-required shared responsibility for solid waste management.

Recommendation 6: The state should support near-zero emission vehicles until commercially viable zero emission vehicles are available in the waste sector.

Recommendation 7: The state should permanently exempt counties that produce less than 200,000 tons per year of waste from SB 1383 requirements, including edible food recovery, except to provide options at self-haul facilities for residents to separate their organic waste from their trash.

Recommendation 8: The state should embrace a concept of keeping waste local, and allow communities to be innovative with organic waste solutions.

Recommendation 9: The state should position CalRecycle as an international expert and leader in solid waste management by facilitating exchange visits with other countries, externships inside and outside of government, and field-testing the regulations it proposes from these knowledge exchanges.

Recommendation 10: The state should separate edible food recovery from SB 1383 implementation.

Recommendation 11: The state should help lower landfill methane emissions by fixing the small proportion of super-emitters that produce the majority of emissions.

The state should permanently fund satellites to monitor greenhouse gas emissions and integrate the findings from that data into its strategic planning for climate change adaptation.

Recommendation 12: The state should conduct the holistic cost-benefit analyses discussed in this report, determine measurable outcomes, the costs to achieve those outcomes, and an outline of who will pay, and how, to meet those costs, and be transparent with Californians about what it is asking from them and what they will receive in return.

Full report and additional information available at: <https://lhc.ca.gov/report/reducing-california%E2%80%99s-landfill-methane-emissions-sb-1383-implementation>