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****Senate Floor Alert****

SB 619 (Laird)

Organic Waste Reduction Regulations SUPPORT

The above organizations urge your **“AYE”** vote on of **SB 619 (Laird)**. This measure would:

- Allow cities and counties who demonstrate a “reasonable effort” towards compliance, an additional year to implement the sweeping SB 1383 organic waste diversion regulations without fear of hefty penalties.
- This measure will not delay or repeal any provisions of the SB 1383 regulations.
- Still include CalRecycle in determining “reasonable effort.”
- New SB 1383 regulations adopted in November 2020 are the most far-reaching solid waste management changes in decades and CalRecycle has estimated implementation will cost \$20 to \$40 billion over the next decade, including the addition of 50 to 100 new organic waste recycling facilities.
- Additional time and flexibility are critical for the success of local governments implementing these organic waste diversion regulations.
- Cities and counties have been on the front lines fighting against COVID-19 and are experiencing serious budgetary challenges. This is not the time for hefty penalties for compliance if they are making progress on implementing SB 1383.

Local governments across California face severe budget shortfalls in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and state leaders must support local efforts to meet our statewide climate goals. SB 619 provides the support needed by all local governments in their ongoing endeavors to design and implement thoughtful and successful organic waste recycling programs.

Vote AYE on SB 619

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