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Bill	Author	Topic	Permissive or Mandate	Status	Related Bills	NCTCOG Staff Notes
<b>Solid Waste</b>						
<a href="#">HB 1058</a>	Farias (San Antonio)	Relating to notice and information provided by a municipal solid waste facility and a commercial transporter of solid waste regarding recycling programs for certain electronic waste.	mandate	Failed to pass House. 5/8/15	<a href="#">HB423</a>	Owner operator of either municipal solid waste landfill or incinerator must place a sign to encourage recycling electronic waste. In addition transporters must provide an insert to those that contract with them about electronic recycling at least once a year
<a href="#">HB 423</a>	Farias (San Antonio)	Relating to prohibiting the land disposal of computer equipment and certain television equipment.	mandate	Referred to Environmental Regulations 02/16/15	<a href="#">HB 1058</a>	Eliminate discarding or disposing of computer equipment at a municipal solid waste facility
<a href="#">HB 1284</a>	Simmons (Carrollton)	Relating to the review by certain governmental entities of a permit application for a solid waste facility	mandate	Left in Environmental Regulation Committee 3/17/15	<a href="#">HB 281</a>	When submitting a permit application you must inform local authorities including the mayor, county judge and the health authority of the county
<a href="#">HB 1249</a>	Schaefer (Tyler)	Relating to authorizing certain general infrastructure projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations	mandate	Left in Economic and Small Business Development committee 04/30/15		Economic development corporation may not undertake a project the primary purpose of which is to provide a solid waste disposal facility
<a href="#">HB 281</a>	Simmons (Carrollton)	Relating to a limitation on the expansion of certain landfills.	mandate	Sent to Governor 05/30/2015	<a href="#">HB 1284</a>	Restricts the expansion of Type I municipal landfills: governing body of municipalities must approve issuance, amending, or renewal of permit.

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<u>HB 1184</u>	Paddie (Marshall)	Relating to authorizing certain alternative fuel programs as eligible for local government energy savings performance contracts	permissive	Sent to Governor 06/01/2015		Expand eligibility for certain energy savings performance contracts to include utility savings and add an alternative fuel program.
<u>HB 3153</u>	Anderson (Dallas)	Relating to a program for the recycling of certain household batteries; authorizing a fee; providing civil and administrative penalties.	mandate	Left pending in House Environmental Regulation committee 05/05/15		A producer of a covered battery shall implement a stewardship program that: in each council of government provides collection of covered batteries at no cost to consumers and prohibits a producer from refusing to collect batteries. The stewardship program will be submitted to commission for approval with specific requirements.
<u>SB 1450</u>	Ellis (Houston)	Relating to water quality improvement and pollution reduction through beverage container recycling incentives; assessing a fee; providing penalties	mandate	Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development 3/18/2015	<u>HB 2425</u>	Build a program with a Texas Beverage Container Recycling Consortium of 9 different beverage stakeholders to incentivize recycling. Also report containers produced and the containers taken back.

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<u>HB 2763</u>	Thompson (Brazoria)	Relating to a study of economically recyclable materials, economic impacts to the state and local governments of existing and increased recycling, the development of new markets for recycled materials and any infrastructure needs, and the potential to increase state revenues.	permissive	Sent to Governor 05/29/2015	<u>SB 1067</u>	Identify new markets and businesses that are available from existing and increased recycling. Also assess rural infrastructure needs and development opportunities. SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.
<u>SB 1067</u>	Rodriguez (El Paso)	Relating to a study of economically recyclable materials, economic impacts to the state and local governments of existing and increased recycling, the development of new markets for recycled materials and any infrastructure needs, and the potential to increase state revenues.	permissive	Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development 3/16/2015		Identify new markets and businesses that are available from existing and increased recycling. Also assess rural infrastructure needs and development opportunities. SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.
<u>HB 2210</u>	Guillen (Rio Grande City)	Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; imposing an administrative penalty	mandate	Referred to Environmental Regulation 3/13/2015	SB 513	A person attempting to sell regulated material to a metal recycling entity shall sign a written statement provided by the metal recycling entity certifying that the person has not previously been convicted of an offense. Those who sell recyclables must be registered with the state.

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<u>HB 87</u>	Gonzalez (Socorro)	Relating to the collection and recycling of computer and television equipment by certain retailers; providing for the imposition of administrative penalties.	mandate	Environmental Regulation; 3/24/2015 Left pending in committee		A large retailer may not sell or offer to sell new computer equipment in this state unless the retailer complies with Section 361.9565.
<u>HB 1569</u>	Isaac (Dripping Springs)	Relating to the creation of a defense under the Solid Waste Disposal Act for persons engaged in certain recycling transactions.	permissive	Referred to Environmental Regulation 3/9/2015		Except as provided by Section 361.2755, a [A] person responsible for solid waste under Section 361.271 is liable under Section 361.272 or 361.273 unless the person can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the release or threatened release was caused solely by: (1) an act of God; (2) an act of war; (3) an act or omission of a third person; or (4) any combination of Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).
<u>HB 1331</u>	King (Parker)	Relating to the treatment and recycling for beneficial use of certain waste arising out of or incidental to the drilling for or production of oil or gas.	permissive	Sent to Governor 05/22/2015		Treatment and recycling for beneficial use of fluid oil and gas waste treatment and recycling for beneficial use of drill cuttings.

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<u>HB 7</u>	Darby (San Angelo)	Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts; providing for the dedication and use of certain state revenue; reducing or affecting the amounts or rates of certain statutorily dedicated fees and assessments.	mandate	Sent to Governor 06/01/2015		Permit the TCEQ to provide funds from solid waste disposal and transportation fees to grants to encourage entities located in a nonattainment area or affected county, to convert heavy-duty vehicles used for municipal solid waste collection into vehicles powered by natural gas engines. Money in the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees account from the sale of batteries could be used for environmental remediation of a closed battery-recycling facility in certain cities.
<u>HB 2425</u> ✖	Rodriguez (Austin)	Relating to water quality improvement and pollution reduction through beverage container recycling incentives; assessing a fee; providing penalties; creating a criminal offense.	mandate	Pending in committee 05/05/2015	<u>SB 1450</u>	Implementing Texas Beverage Recycling Incentive program and is a criminal offense to violate refund value and labeling requirements
<u>HB 2871</u>	Allen (Houston)	Relating to permit application requirements for solid waste facilities.	mandate	Referred to Environmental Regulation committee 03/16/2015		A permit application under this subchapter must contain: (1) a certification from the applicant that the applicant has mailed to each resident living one mile or less from the site and each community organization, nonprofit organization, or civic club located two miles or less from the site: (A) an explanation of the site's proposed operations; and (B) a questionnaire seeking community comments regarding the site's proposed operations; and (2) any comments made by residents, organizations, or clubs in response to the questionnaire.

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<u>HB 2598</u>	Kuempel (Seguin)	Relating to the consideration of steel slag as solid waste by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	mandate	Sent to Governor 06/01/2015		The TCEQ may not consider steel slag as solid waste if the steel slag is: (1) an intended output or result of the use of an electric arc furnace to make steel; (2) sold and distributed in the stream of commerce for consumption, use, or further processing into another desired commodity; and (3) managed as an item of commercial value in a controlled manner and not as discarded material or in a manner constituting disposal.
<u>SB 513</u>	Taylor (Galveston)	Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; imposing an administrative penalty.	mandate	Left pending in committee 04/28/2015	<u>HB 2210</u>	A person attempting to sell regulated material to a metal recycling entity shall sign a written statement provided by the metal recycling entity certifying that the person has not previously be convicted of an offense; if the property stolen was regulated material or under another law of this state or of another jurisdiction involving the sale of regulated materials.