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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Examine Environmental Effects of the Resource Recovery System'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 State Planning Office and Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to oversee a study of the State's beverage container laws in the context of existing municipal recycling programs. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, shall oversee a 2-year study to be performed by an independent private entity to review the State's beverage container laws in the context of existing municipal recycling programs, with a focus on the environmental effects that these laws and programs generate. The State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall engage the assistance of an expert consultant in the field of municipal recycling programs and their environmental effects to assist in the development of the request for proposals for the study. The study must include an assessment of:

1. Current recycling rates;
2. The carbon footprints created by the beverage container recycling laws and municipal recycling programs;
3. Comprehensive recycling programs in the State;
4. Barriers to comprehensive recycling;
5. Alternative models of sustainability;
6. Energy and economic efficiencies;
7. The effect of educational programs on recycling rates;
8. The potential roles of and opportunities for redemption center businesses as the technology advances in recycling programs; and
9. Litter prevention and waste reduction efforts; and be it further

Sec. 2 Reporting date; funding sources. Resolved: That, if private funds from outside sources for the expert consultant and study described in section 1 are received by January 15, 2010, the study must be completed no later than January 15, 2012, unless a one-year extension is necessary to complete the study. The Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters as soon as outside funding for the study is received and shall provide the committee with an interim report on the status of the study by January 15, 2011; and be it further

Sec. 3 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Planning Office 0082

Initiative: Allocates funds to allow private outside sources of funds to be used to hire a consultant for a study on beverage container recycling programs.

| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
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| All Other | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$0 | \$250,000 |

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve that directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to oversee a 2-year study to be performed by an independent private entity to review the State's beverage container laws in the context of existing municipal recycling programs, with a focus on the environmental effects that these laws and programs generate. The resolve requires the State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to engage the assistance of an expert consultant in the field of municipal recycling programs and their environmental effects to assist in the development of the request for proposals for the study. The resolve also provides that if private funds from outside sources for the expert consultant and study are received by January 15, 2010, the study must be completed no later than January 15, 2012, unless a one-year extension is necessary to complete the study. It requires the State Planning Office and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters as soon as outside funding for the study is received and to provide the committee with an interim report on the status of the study by January 15, 2011.

This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)