

**NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE BILL NO. 5**

AN ACT that will mandate the availability of compost bins in all K-12 public schools.

Section 1: Many schools in Nevada lack compost bins for students to dispose of food, food spiked paper, and yard house. It is estimated that 24% of school waste is recyclable paper and 50% is food waste that can be composted.

Section 2: Habits of composting should be instilled in students at an early age to encourage the continuation of said habits into adulthood

Section 3: About 40% of food supply in the US gets wasted, with 95% of it ending up in landfills. The growing amount of food waste in landfills expedites the rate at which methane is released.

Section 4: Any K-12 public schools must have at least 2 compost bins in the designated eating areas for students for the entirety of the school year.

Section 5: Any schools that fail to comply will be fined \$2000.00 each fiscal school year

Section 6: Funding for the compost bins will come from a 10¢ tax on plastic bags and a 5¢ tax on plastic straws. The tax will go towards a government saving fund that will then be distributed evenly to all schools.

Section 7: Cafeteria workers will monitor the students to ensure that they are properly composting.

Section 8: A school official will report how much was composted every other month to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Schools can do what they would like with the compost.

Section 9: This act will be effective upon passage.