

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 61

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A Resolution promoting recycling of waste materials;
encouraging public entities to utilize crumb rubber;
and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, private industry, governments, and concerned citizens are seeking solutions to the ever increasing problem of waste tires. More than 275 million tires are added to the waste disposal stream annually in the United States and more than five million a day on a global level. The past decade has seen the realization that there can be significant financial rewards as well as environmental benefits from recycling tires and putting this material to beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, crumb rubber is made from recycled waste tires. The waste tire is processed in such a way that all of the wire is removed during processing to obtain a final product consisting of rubber and string fibers which is an excellent product for surfacing playgrounds or sports arenas; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of companies in Oklahoma who are recycling tires to produce crumb rubber or similar substances. This offers an opportunity for public entities to support local businesses and at the same time protect our environment; and

WHEREAS, a recent State Legislative Report "Developing Recycling Markets to Boost Economic Development" published by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) suggests state legislatures encourage recycling and market development for recycled materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate endorses and promotes the recycling of waste material.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all public entities to utilize crumb rubber as a priority over other materials whenever feasible.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Central Services, State Department of Education, Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, and Department of Transportation who are urged to inform all concerned about the

advantages of crumb rubber and encourage them to consider it as their first option.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate