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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **147** File No. 201 Cal. No. 122

"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON THE NEED FOR EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS AND INCLUDING AEROSOL PAINTS UNDER THE PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM."

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, shall study the need to establish extended producer responsibility programs in the state for discarded solar panels and wind turbine blades, respectively, to provide for the recycling and potential reuse of the materials, including, but not limited to, rare minerals and metals, used in the manufacture of such panels or blades. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an assessment of the volume and estimated weight of solar panels, for commercial and

residential installations in the state, that will reach the end of their useful life in the next five-year period, as well as the number of wind turbine blades for terrestrial and marine-based installations that are estimated to be disposed of in the state during the same period. Additionally, such study shall determine: (1) What procedures are currently used for the collection, disposal and recycling of the components of such solar panels and wind turbine blades; (2) the availability of neighboring state or regional extended producer responsibility programs for collaboration in handling such collection, disposal and recycling of such panels and blades; (3) the approximate costs to municipalities and residents of the state pursuant to current procedures utilized for the collection, disposal and recycling of such panels and blades in comparison to the estimated costs to municipalities and residents of the state for such collection, disposal and recycling pursuant to extended producer responsibility programs for such panels and blades; and (4) the requisite: (A) Collection facilities, (B) secondary markets, (C) financial structures, and (D) agency oversight personnel for the establishment of extended producer responsibility programs in this state for such solar panels and wind turbine blades, respectively. Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on such study and any recommendations for legislation to establish such extended producer responsibility programs."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	*from passage*	New section