



Improving Recycling

Overview

If passed, both [House Bill 1071](#) and [Senate Bill 5058](#), would take a productive approach to increasing recycling rates by pushing a robust and inclusive statewide needs assessment of which products we’re having trouble recycling in Washington State, before any new program is developed.

In addition to a needs assessment, these bills also require that single-use items like single-use plastic cups and clam shells start meeting post-consumer recycled content (PCRC) requirements in a phased-in approach. These requirements are to be met by the manufacturers of products.

PCRC Dates and Rates

Product Type	First Compliance Obligation	Second Compliance Obligation
Polypropylene single-use cups	15% by 2032	25% in 2034
PETE & Polystyrene single-use cups	20% by 2035	30% in 2036
PETE single use clam shells	10% by 2035	30% by 2040

The Washington Hospitality Association has been working with the proponents in the waste hauling industry to oppose the traditional Extended

Producer Responsibility (EPR) proposal ([House Bill 1150](#) and [Senate Bill 5284](#)) which would have huge financial impact on our industry as we have seen in other states. As a reminder, EPR is an attempt to hold a “producer” (brand) liable for the end-of-life responsibilities on a covered product (packaging) by requiring reporting and financial obligations.

Talking points

- Please pass a robust needs assessment before an EPR program is created so business and families alike can plan for cost increases.
- Please vote no on HB 1150/HB 5284

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