

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) For Packaging Legislation and Sponsors

California - Senator Ben Allen and Senator Henry Stern

- Legislation: <u>SB54</u>
- This bill would enact the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act in order to achieve a 75% source reduction, recycling, and reuse goal in part by making businesses financially responsible for management and recovery of plastic waste.

Colorado - Representative Alex Valdez

- Legislation: *Bill number TBD*
- This bill will be a comprehensive plastic pollution reduction bill. The bill will start the conversation in the state to prepare for an extended producer responsibility model.

Hawaii - Representative Nicole Lowen

- Legislation: <u>H1316</u>
- This bill would make producers of packaging responsible for the management of waste while ensuring minimal social and environmental impact by requiring annual reports from producers on their plan to fulfill waste management requirements and a payment to do so determined by the state Department of Health.

Maryland - Delegate Brooke Lierman

- Legislation: HB0036
- This bill would require producers of certain packaging, containers, and paper products to submit a "stewardship plan" to the state Department of Environment by October, 2022, and would prohibit a producer from selling covered products under the bill without an approved stewardship plan by 2024.

New Hampshire - Senator David Watters

- Legislation: *Bill number TBD*
- New Hampshire will consider a variety of bills focusing on reducing plastic waste products and hazardous substances, such as PFAS, within food packaging materials.

New York - Senator Todd Kaminsky

- Legislation: <u>S1185</u>
- This bill would establish an extended producer responsibility act mandating that no producer shall sell or distribute covered materials within three years of the bill's passage without an approved EPR plan. The bill makes exemptions for producers under certain revenue and waste generation thresholds.

Oregon - Representative Janeen Sollman

• Legislation: <u>HB 2592</u>

This bill would require producers of covered products to join extended producer
responsibility programs and submit a plan which would include how they intend to
collect waste, make investments in recycling infrastructure, and reduce the sources of
covered products to the greatest extent possible. Included in the bill are certain
exemptions for small producers.

Vermont - Representative Senator Chris Bray

• Legislation: *Bill number TBD*

• This bill would establish an extended producer responsibility for packaging programs within the state of Vermont.

Washington - Senator Mona Das

• Legislation: <u>SB 5022</u>

• This bill would support recycling and waste reduction by ensuring that packaging materials -- plastic and otherwise -- are 90% reused or recycled by 2040. This increased recycling and reuse rate would be achieved via extended producer responsibility programs that would ensure minimal environmental impact.