

Overview of EPR Policy for Packaging in the U.S.

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Bills Introduced/ Considered in 2020

- Maine (LD2194)
- New York (S7718 and A09790)
- California (SB54 and AB1080)

State and Local Government Study Activities

- NERC/NEWMOA
 - Jointly released white paper on EPR for PPP (April 2020)
- King County/City of Seattle
 - Report on EPR policy framework for packaging and paper products (March 2020)
- Oregon DEQ
 - Recycling Steering Committee adopted policy concept with EPR components (September 2020)
- Washington State Department of Ecology
 - Recommendations from consultant provided to WA DOE (September 2020)
 - EPR for all consumer packaging
 - Deposit system for beverage containers
 - Recycled content requirements for plastic packaging

Producer Policy Recommendations

- AMERIPEN issued statement of principles that acknowledges industry funding
- Consumer Brands Association developed recycling policy platform that does include a fee on virgin resin and a per item fee
- Consumer Goods Forum issued a report on an optimal EPR policy
- American Chemistry Council issued *Roadmap to Reuse* document that suggests industry paid fees
- The Recycling Partnership developed federal legislative model that incorporates producer fees.

Key Themes and Questions

- Circular economy framework or financial support for recycling
- Role of program participants
 - What degree of system change is desired?
 - Governance
 - Competition
- Scope of producer financial responsibilities
- Consistency/common goals between states
- Recycling goals and environmental outcomes
 - Incentives/requirements for design (modulated fees)
 - Promotion of source reduction/reuse

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