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Californians Against Waste

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Supporter,

Today is another busy day for recycling bills at the State Capitol.

Two of CAW's highest priority bills are in Assembly Natural Resources today at 1:30 p.m.

These two bills would expand recycling of beverage containers, yard debris and food waste. This will significantly reduce the amount of material ending up in landfills, and the resulting GHG emissions. They will help create jobs and boost the economy, as well as helping California reach its recycling goal of 75% by 2020.

- **AB 1001 (Gordon)** will expand California's hugely successful Beverage Container Recycling Law (the Bottle Bill) by increasing the recycling of all beverage containers regardless of material type. It will close loopholes and inconsistencies, while increasing clarity and enforcement of current rules to support California businesses, jobs and recycling.
- **AB 323 (Chesbro)** requires businesses that generate a lot of food scraps or yard debris to sign up for recycling of this material. In addition, the bill will finally eliminate state policies that have become perverse incentives for landfilling organic waste that should be returned to the soil.

Also in ANR today are two bills introduced by Assembly Member Susan Eggman that further CAW's goal of supporting in-state recycling processing and manufacturing infrastructure. **AB 1021** will provide sales tax exemptions on equipment purchases for businesses that process or utilize recycled

feedstock. **AB 1023** will provide incentives for waste reduction, recycling, composting and recycled content manufacturing projects.

CAW supports **AB 521 (Hueso and Stone)**, which is a producer responsibility measure that would address plastic marine pollution. CAW opposes **AB 1337 (Allen)**, which would preempt local ordinances on plastic bags, and prohibit local governments from passing new ordinances related to single-use plastic bags.

Over the past couple of weeks we've seen **SB 405 (Padilla)** plastic bags, **SB 529 (Leno)** fast food packaging, and **SB 254 (Hancock and Correa)** pass out of Senate EQ with 5-3, 5-3 and 6-0 votes, respectively. They are in Senate Appropriations today.

Two Assembly bills **AB 513 (Frazier)** tires, and **AB 1022 (Eggman)** CRT glass, both passed out of Assembly Natural Resources with bipartisan support and are on their way to Assembly Appropriations.

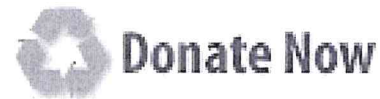
You can watch any of these hearings [online](#).

We'll keep you posted on the progress of these bills. In the meantime, you can visit our [website](#) to find out more about our work.


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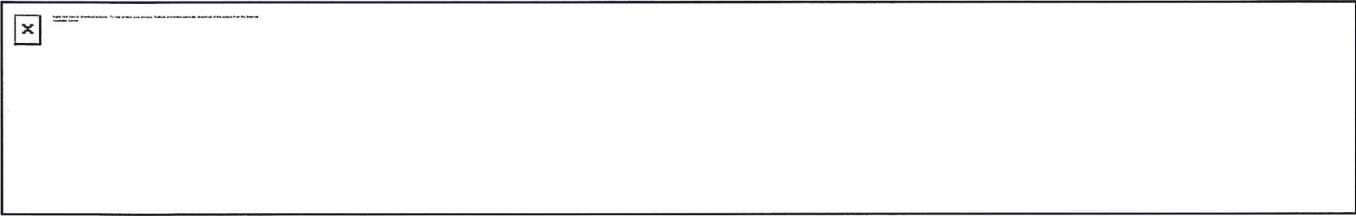


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Legislative Action - Battery, Sharps and Pharma EPR Bills!

CPSC is sponsoring/co-sponsoring three producer responsibility bills to save local government money on product disposal and improve consumer convenience! For current bill text, fact sheets and model letters go to our [2013 Legislation page](#). If your representative sits on any of these committees it is imperative that you contact them and explain the importance of this legislation!

Here is the latest on our three bills:

AB 488, Williams – Primary Battery Recycling Act: SUPPORT

Was heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee April 15 and passed out of committee with a 6-3 vote. It is tentatively scheduled to be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Room 4202, on **Wednesday, May 8**. Fax support letters before the hearing on May 7th!

AB 403, Stone/Eggman – Sharps Producer Responsibility: SUPPORT

Was heard in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on April 16 and passed out of the committee with a 5-2 vote. It is scheduled to be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Room 4202, on **Wednesday, May 8**. Fax support letters before the hearing May 8th!

SB 727, Jackson/Hancock – Medication Take-Back Program: SUPPORT

Was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee today Wednesday May 1. Instead of a hearing, Chair Jerry Hill announced that pharmaceutical disposal was a real problem he understood first-hand and he will hold the bill in committee while stakeholder meetings are held this year which will allow the drafting of a bill to move the second year of the session which will be a mandatory, statewide approach where producers share in the responsibility for the proper management of unused medications. We will keep you informed of progress and meetings.

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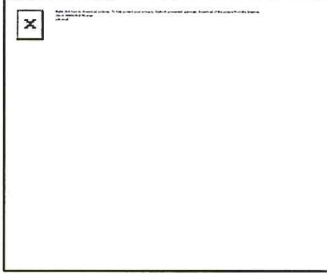
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[Science Daily](#), April 1, published a report highlighting the ecological cost of pharmaceutical w and the need for more research into environmental impacts. Scientists looked at how six comm pharmaceuticals influenced stream health, focusing on biofilms -- the slippery coating on stream rocks - because they're vital to stream health. The most striking result of the study was the effect of diphenhydramine (a common antihistamine) -- exposure to this drug caused biofilms to experience up to a 99% decrease in photosynthesis on algal production and significant drops in microbial respiration. "Even when waste water makes it to sewage treatment facilities, they aren't equipped to remove pharmaceuticals. As a result, our streams and rivers are exposed to a cocktail of synthetic compounds, from stimulants and antibiotics to analgesics and antihistamines." The report conc that pharmaceuticals found in the environment are disrupting streams, with unknown impacts c aquatic life. To read more click [here](#).



PA Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Act

On April 15, Pennsylvania Representative Michael O'Brien introduced [HB 1194](#), which would the Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Act. The bill would require "drug retailers" to operate "a sy: for collecting and disposing of expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals at no cost to consumers. Retailers would also be required to provide promotional materials to educate consumers about disposal. Retailers that failed to comply with the Act could be fined up to \$10,000 in addition t recovery of any court costs and attorney fees.

HB 1194 would place the entire burden on the retailers and no shared responsibility with the di manufacturers. This is in stark contrast to California's Medication Take-Back bill, [SB 727](#), whi would place the greatest responsibility on the drug manufacturers, the entities who profit most drug sales and have the greatest ability to promote proper disposal.

NRCM's Case Study on Mercury-Containing Products

[Natural Resources Council of Maine's recent Product Stewardship Case Study](#) takes a look at mercury-containing thermostats and fluorescent light bulbs. Maine's producer-funded recyclin programs for thermostats and fluorescent lamps benefit small business owners and Maine residents, and they reduce the environmental and health costs of mercury exposure. By sign as collection sites, local hardware stores and other retailers ha seen increased business to their stores. Municipal solid waste facilities are collecting more and more mercury-containing products, while saving Maine residents money because the recycling programs are funded by thermostat and lamp manufacturers. Maine's programs have removed hundreds of pounds of mercury from the waste stream. Maine residents er free and convenient recycling at more than 240 collection locations for CFLs and other fluores More than 130 wholesalers and retail stores around the state serve as collection points for merc thermostats.



Tempers Are Rising About Mercury