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Amendment

Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7294 File No. 561 Cal. No. 343

"AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION IN THE STATE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a task force on Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption programs. The task force shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the state's existing beverage container redemption law to assess its efficacy in achieving the state's recycling goals and in promoting the use and reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner. Such analysis shall include the costs and benefits of said law to the state's environment, consumers, retailers, deposit initiators and municipalities and consider whether alternative redemption system designs could offer improved efficiency and accountability as well as options for improving the viability of small independently owned and operated redemption centers; (2) evaluate the state of recycling programs in the state and the opportunities for improving their performance through the implementation of universal access to recycling and deployment of best practices in recycling in households, workplaces and public spaces, including an analysis of the incremental"
costs and benefits of universal recycling access for the environment, consumers, recycling industries and municipalities; and (3) analyze alternative methods of collecting container glass for recycling and reuse, recognizing the unique challenges posed by handling and recycling glass. Such analysis of glass recycling options shall consider relative levels of recovery of alternatives, system costs and costs per ton and shall consider costs of the entire system from consumer to sale to end-use market.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall represent the nonalcoholic beverage industry and one of whom shall represent municipal recycling programs;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall represent beer wholesalers and one of whom shall represent chain food stores in the state;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives who shall represent the recycling collection and processing industry;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall represent independently owned and operated redemption centers in the state;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who shall represent a state-based environmental group with expertise in recycling;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall represent the recycling collection and processing industry with expertise in glass recycling; and

(7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee.
(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and finance shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than December 31, 2019, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, finance, beverages and licensed wholesalers and retailers subject to beverage container redemption laws. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, any recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations developed pursuant to such study. Such task force shall terminate on the date that it submits the report pursuant to this section or December 31, 2019, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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