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S.B. 1001 “An Act Concerning the Recycling and Disposal of Smoke Detectors.”

CCM supports S.B. 1001.

This bill would require an assessment by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection of the need to implement an extended producer responsibility program for residential smoke detectors.

CCM supports the creation of a stewardship program for the end of life disposal of smoke detectors. Stewardship programs, similar to programs for mattresses and paint in the state, provide, in an environmentally sound manner, for financing, and managing of products at the end of life stage by (1) reducing the generation and promoting the proper disposal of post-consumer products and (2) provide a responsible method for collection, transport, and processing of post-consumer products, such as smoke detectors, for end-of-life management through reuse, recycling, energy recovery, or disposal.

Properly designed, a Smoke Detector Stewardship Program would provide for an environmentally responsible system that would take the financial and administrative burden of end-of-life disposal for these detectors off the back of local governments.

CCM urges the Committee to support S.B. 1001.

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