



Washington State House  
Environment & Energy Committee Meeting  
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HB 1150 – *“Improving Washington’s solid waste management outcomes”*

Thank you Chair Doglio and members of the committee; for the record, my name is Fiona Bell, and I’m here representing the **Coalition for High Performance Recycling** – or CHPR, for short. We are here in support of House Bill (HB) 1150, especially in combination with pending recycling refunds legislation.

CHPR ([chprecycling.org](http://chprecycling.org)) is a diverse group of consumer brands, environmental nonprofits, material manufacturers, packaging suppliers, and trade associations united in our mission to improve recycling systems across the country.

Together, we are driving the future of recycling with policies that promote Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging and paper products, and Recycling Refunds (RR) – also known as Deposit Return Systems or “Bottle Bills” – for beverage containers. This collaborative approach advances a circular economy through a more efficient and sustainable recycling model, benefiting the economy and environment.

We want to thank the bill author for accepting language that allows for the future introduction of a recycling refunds system, and making sure that the two systems are coordinated and that packaging covered under a bottle bill system doesn’t also pay fees under an EPR system.

We know the bill author has worked to take feedback from a diverse set of stakeholders and has delivered an EPR bill that, in tandem with a recycling refunds bill, would significantly enhance the quality, quantity, and reuse of recyclable materials in Washington State while prioritizing consumer convenience, efficiency, and effectiveness.

We all know that recycling needs to improve, and that the existing system has failed getting beverage containers to their highest and best use. There is already clear and known data based on documented best practices from the highest-performing recycling systems from around the world; with the needs assessment in this EPR bill, there is no need for a separate study.

We encourage continued collaboration with the authors of this and the Recycling Refunds bill and look forward to supporting the improvement of both bills during the session. We respectfully encourage the committee to vote “yes” on HB 1150.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Fiona Bell  
Coalition for High Performance Recycling