

WASHINGTON VOTER SURVEY

RECYCLING REFUNDS AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

There is strong support for Recycling Refunds and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Washington

- 83% of voters support Washington passing a Recycling Refund program
 - 86% of Democrats and 79% of Republicans support
 - 82% of moderate voters support
- 76% of voters support Washington passing EPR
 - 83% of Democrats and 66% of Republicans support
 - 72% of moderate voters support



Of voters who support these policies said it was important for the state legislature to pass both a Recycling Refund program and EPR

Voters support BOTH policies

- The current system is underperforming and less than half of recyclable materials are being recovered. With a combined Recycling Refund program and EPR, this rate would significantly increase. 63% of voters say this is a strong reason to support both Recycling Refunds and EPR
- Currently, more than 26 million pounds of litter are collected along Washington's roads and highways costing the state \$12 million per year in cleanup costs. Implementing a Recycling Refund program and EPR would reduce litter and save the state millions of dollars. 59% of voters say this is a strong reason to support Recycling Refunds and EPR
- The programs put Washington in control of how the local environment is being treated, save taxpayer money, and put the state in a great position moving forward. 58% of voters say this is a strong reason to support Recycling Refunds and EPR

Voters want recycling that works better

When it comes to recycling specifically:

- Currently, just 17% of voters feel that the current system is very effective in recycling beverage containers
- 69% of voters think it is very important to reduce the amount of litter in our rivers and streams
- 65% of voters think it is very important to reduce waste
- 61% of voters think it is very important to reduce the amount of litter on our roads