

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Governor Bob Ferguson  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Ferguson,

On behalf of the [Coalition for High Performance Recycling \(CHPR\)](#), we respectfully urge you to sign the full Washington Recycling Reform Act, SB 5284, into law. This bill represents a critical step toward modernizing Washington's recycling system and advancing a cleaner, more circular economy.

CHPR is a national coalition of consumer brands, environmental nonprofits, material manufacturers, and trade associations committed to improving recycling outcomes through proven policy solutions. SB 5284's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework is one such solution—shifting recycling costs to producers, incentivizing better packaging design, and reducing burdens on local governments and ratepayers.

Importantly, SB 5284 also lays the groundwork for a future Recycling Refunds program (also known as a beverage container deposit return program). Together, EPR and Recycling Refunds create the highest-performing recycling systems worldwide—delivering both environmental and economic benefits far greater than either policy alone. While EPR improves how packaging is managed systemwide, Recycling Refunds ensure high recovery rates of beverage containers with clean, high-quality material for true container-to-container recycling. This is exactly the kind of domestic supply Washington's and U.S. businesses writ-large need.

Legislation like HB 1607/SB 5502 would build on the success of SB 5284 by implementing such a program. Based on data from [Eunomia's 50 States of Recycling report](#), the combined impact of EPR and Recycling Refunds would increase Washington's 30% recycling rate for beverage containers today to 90% by 2032 and generate more than \$1.3 billion in annual economic value for the state.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with your administration to advance the next phase of this effort through a Recycling Refunds bill (HB1607/SB 5502) in the 2026 session.

Sincerely,

Coalition for High Performance Recycling (CHPR)