

Weekly Legislative Update: **Solid Waste Management**

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Bills Needing Action This Week

Please read Bills We Support to see the latest status of other bills.

Sign in “Pro” for the following bills this week:

You may express support for bills in hearings with the online process. **Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that, so please leave the “Organization” box blank.** A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

SB 5144 Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries. product stewardship bill for recycling all batteries. The batteries in our cell phones, electric toothbrushes and other rechargeable devices are lithium ion batteries. Ensuring the proper handling, recycling, and end-of-life management of used batteries prevents the release of toxic materials into the environment and removes materials from the waste stream that, if mishandled, may present safety concerns to workers, such as by igniting fires at solid waste handling facilities. See [factsheet](#).

STATUS: Hearing in Senate Environment and Energy Committee 1/24/23 @ 1:30 pm

[Sign in PRO](#) – must sign in by 12:30 p.m. on 1/24/23

HB 1185 Reducing environmental impacts associated with lighting products. Phases out the sale of most mercury-containing lights and extends/expands the product stewardship program for the same lights. Has an extended producer responsibility element in that the producers of lights in the stewardship program will be required to finance the operations of the program (eliminating the handling fee currently applied to retail sales)

STATUS: Hearing in House Environment and Energy Committee 1/28/23 @ 1:30 pm

[Sign in PRO](#) - must sign in by 12:30 p.m. on 1/28/23

Bills Scheduled for Executive Session – If your Legislator serves on the designated Committee, contact them to support the bill.

HB 1033 Evaluating compostable product usage. Establishes an advisory committee to standardize composting across Washington. **STATUS: Pro. Scheduled for Executive Session 1/26 @ 8 a.m. If you have a Representative on the [House Environment and Energy Committee](#), write them to support the bill.**

HB 1047 Concerning the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products. Eliminates the sale of cosmetics that contain one of nine toxins as identified in the bill. Allows for a phase-out to keep toxins out of homes and environment. **STATUS: Pro. Scheduled for Executive Session 1/26 @ 8 a.m. If you have a Representative on the [House Environment and Energy Committee](#), write them to support the bill.**

HB 1085 Reducing plastic pollution. A three-pronged approach to reduce the use of plastics by 1) Requiring **refill stations** in drinking fountains in all new construction; 2) Phasing out **mini toiletries plastic packaging** (including shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and soaps) at hotels and other lodging establishments; 3) Banning **foam-filled dock floats** in our lakes and marine waters. **STATUS: Pro. Scheduled for Executive Session 1/26 @ 8 a.m. If you have a Representative on the [House Environment and Energy Committee](#), write them to support the bill.**

Email your Legislators to support these bills:

Use the link to email to any/all of your legislators, letting them know these bills are important to their constituents. HB ("House Bill") to Representatives, SB ("Senate Bill") to your Senator.

SB 5154/ HB 1131 Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. WRAP Act. Here is a [factsheet](#). **STATUS: SB 5145 – hearing held in Environment, Energy & Technology Committee - Testified Pro. HB 1131 – hearing held in Environment & Energy Committee – Testified Pro**

SB 5287 Concerning a study on the recycling of wind turbine blades.

Requires the Washington State University extension energy program to conduct a study on the feasibility of recycling wind turbine blades used in Washington. **STATUS: hearing held in Environment, Energy & Technology Committee – Testified Pro**

HB 1164 Responsible management of appliances containing harmful gases and other materials. Creates a producer responsibility program for appliances. **STATUS: Introduced; referred to Environment and Energy**

Bills We Are Watching

Check back for updates.

How You Can Be Involved

- Contact Ann Murphy, Solid Waste Management Issue Chair, amurphy@lwvwa.org or call (509) 385-8910.
- Check the [Solid Waste Management page](#) for updates.
- Read the *Legislative Newsletter* and respond to Action Alerts.