

2024 Legislation

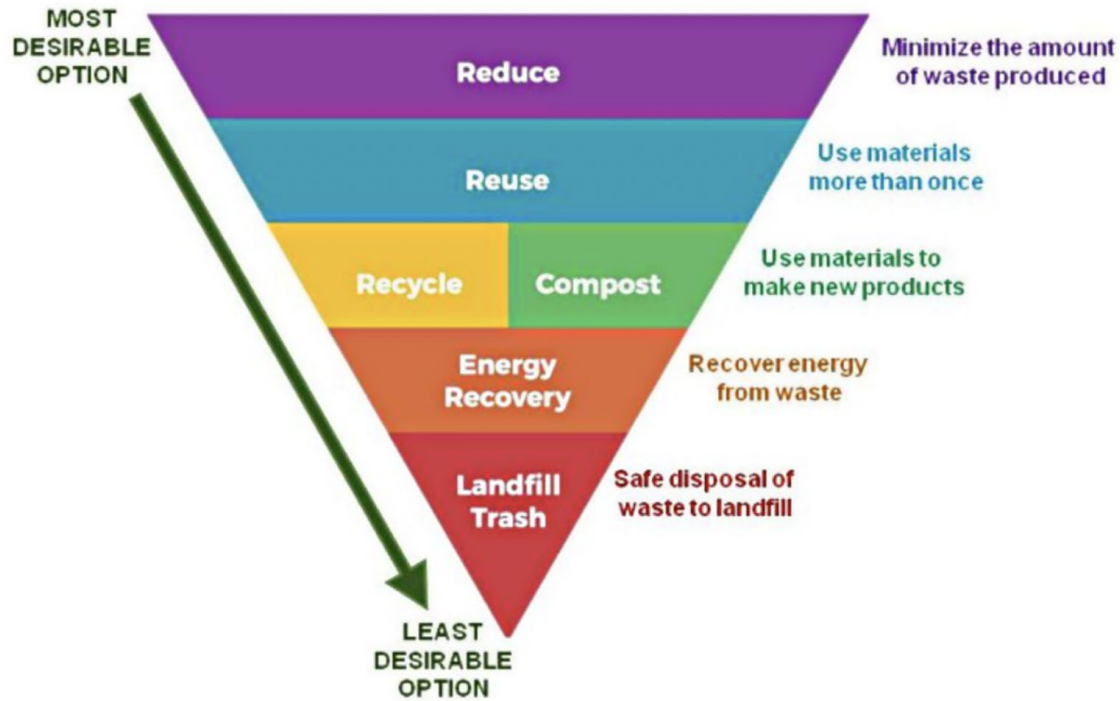
Legislative Committee

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Upstream Solutions

Waste Management Hierarchy



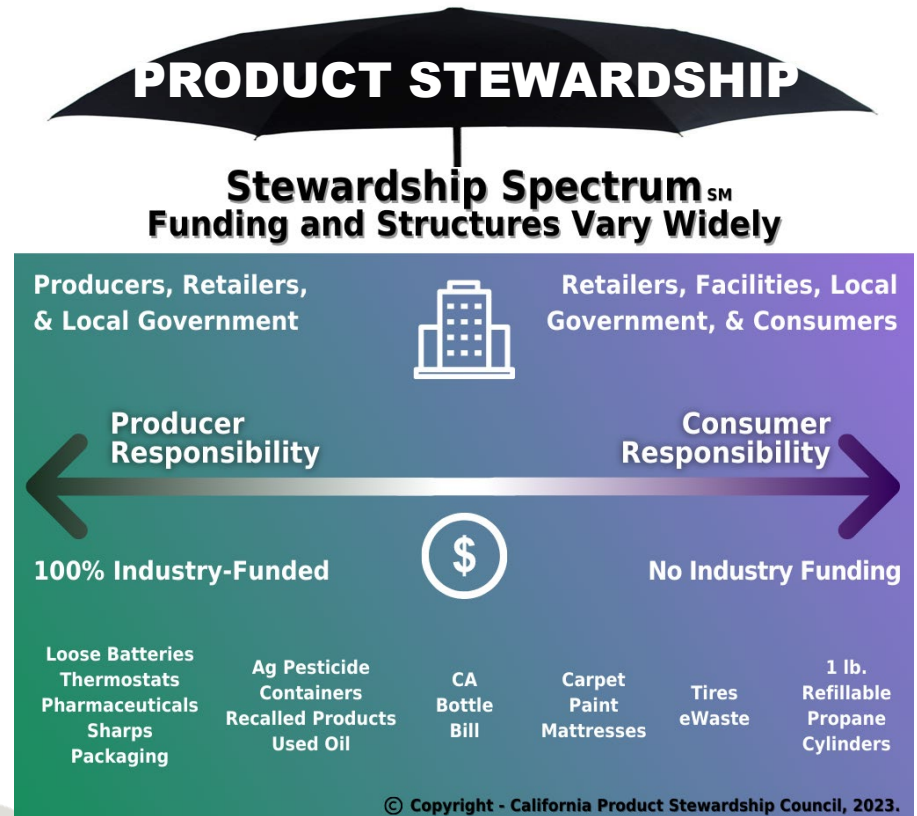
Upstream Solutions

- RecycleSmart Legislative Platform
 - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - Waste Diversion
 - Packaging Reduction/Plastics Pollution
 - Toxics Reduction/HHW
 - Food Waste Reduction and Recovery

What are Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Product Stewardship?

Extended Producer Responsibility is a specific type of recycling program that is 100% funded by the industry, rather than funded by garbage rates.

Note: Every Program Varies in details!



AB 2 (Ward)

Solar Panel Recycling

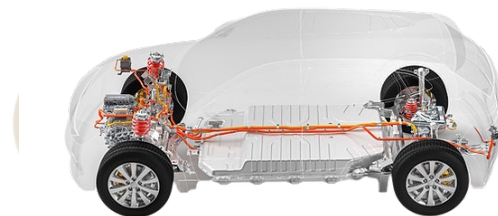
- Customer-owned photovoltaic modules (solar panels) would be added to existing Electronic Waste Recycling Act. Other solar panels would need to be included in an end-of-life management plan.



SB 615 (Allen)

EPR for EV Batteries

- Vehicle manufacturers, dealers, dismantlers, repair dealers and nonvehicle secondary users are responsible for ensuring end-of-life management for electric vehicle traction batteries
- This was a key recommendation from an AB 2832 Lithium-Ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group report from March 2022



SB 707 (Newman)

Responsible Textile Recovery Act

- Comprehensive EPR program for clothing and other textiles
 - Collection, transportation, repair, sorting, recycling
- CalRecycle to adopt regulations by December 31, 2025, and stewardship plans must be in place by 24 months later



AB 660 (Irwin) Food Labeling

- Dept of Food and Agriculture
- Uniform quality date and safety date labeling on food by January 1, 2025
- Eliminates “sell by” date label



SB 1280 (Laird)

- Ban on single-use gas cylinders as of January 1, 2028
- Third attempt. 2022 ban bill was vetoed by Governor, who signaled preference for EPR approach. 2023 EPR plan stalled in committee



SB 1384 (Dodd)

Right to Repair-Powered Wheelchairs

- Manufacturers of powered wheelchairs must make parts and instructions available to owners or independent repair providers



AB 1238 (Ward)

- CalRecycle to develop alternative management standards for recycling solar panels



SB 1053 (Blakespear)

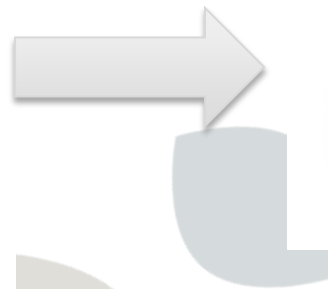
AB 2236 (Allen/Bauer-Kahan)

- Beginning January 1, 2026, large “stores” may not sell or provide single-use plastic carryout bags
- Stores may sell single-use 100% recycled-content paper bags for at least 10 cents
- Stores may sell reusable bags for at least 10 cents, and these bags must be made of cloth, woven textile, or washable textile



SB 1167 (Blakespear)

- Chain restaurants must serve beverages to customers consuming their beverages onsite in reusable, rather than single-use, containers



AB 2346 (Lee)

- Sponsored by StopWaste to increase pathways for SB 1383 organics procurement compliance, through
 - Direct service provider, prospective or retrospective in the same year
 - Compost purchased from community composting operations
 - On-farm compost operations
 - Home compost operations
 - Investments in composting capacity

AB 2577 (Irwin)

- Requires CalRecycle to develop food labeling requirements as part of effort to recover edible food and reduce food waste



SB 972 (Min)

- Requires CalRecycle, CARB and CalEPA to meet at least twice per year to coordinate policies affecting organic waste reduction goals

AB 2311 (Bennett)

- Adds edible food recovery, including transportation of recovered food and technology subscriptions, to the list of activities eligible for funding from CalRecycle's grant program

AB 2762 (Friedman)

- Requires manufacturers or distributors of beverages bottled in the state (or within 100 miles of state border) to create a system for increasing reusable beverage container usage rates. At least one system must be approved by CalRecycle by January 1, 2027.

AB 863 (Aguiar-Curry)

- Increases potential penalties on carpet stewardship organization from \$1,000 to \$50,000 per day
- Repeated violations could render a stewardship organization ineligible for operation
- Requires more funds from the producer responsibility organization for apprenticeship programs

AB 817 (Pacheco)

- Allows Brown Act subsidiary bodies to use teleconferencing to meet without posting agendas at each teleconference location. Requires the legislative body to make certain findings
- Would be repealed January 1, 2026



SB 537 (Becker)

- Allows multijurisdictional board members to convene in hybrid settings
- Updates health exemptions to include immunocompromised individuals
- Collects data on attendance of remote meetings and requires agencies to post the data on their websites

SB 1066 (Blakespear)

- Creates EPR program for marine flares through the Marine Flare Producer Responsibility Act of 2024



SB 1143 (Allen)

- Creates EPR program for household hazardous waste through the Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act of 2024
- Covered materials include: aerosols, cleaners, glues, solvents, some fire extinguishers, kerosene, pool chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.

SB 1426 (Blakespear)

- If organic waste depackaging, edible food recovery services, etc., are not offered through local ordinance or franchise, organics may be collected and processed by others
- Exclusivity in a franchise or permit cannot “exceed” the services required to be performed and actually performed