

Mar 7, 2024 | 📅 Policy Committee Meeting

Attendees:

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Notes

Agenda for February 1st Policy Committee Meeting

1. Lobby Day Debrief
 - a. Number of Attendees - 35 Attendees
 - b. Number of meetings - 70 and reported 20 meetings
 - c. Feedback
 - i. Appreciated the one-pager, very helpful and effective, information was clear and easy to share, some participants ran out of one-pagers
 - ii. Reception was great, having time to connect with other RC folks was an added benefit
 - iii. Having the training space and reception space all in one building was fantastic, very beneficial,
2. EPR updates - CDPHE will present Needs Assessment and modified middle scenario to JBC on March 12 at 2PM

UPDATE ON NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The final draft of Colorado's Needs Assessment report for statewide recycling has been published. You can access it using [this link](#) or finding it on the [Producer Responsibility CDPHE webpage](#).

Based on feedback, Circular Action Alliance (CAA) revised the three proposed recycling scenarios to:

- Create a greater range of options for services offered in the scenarios,
 - The shift in the medium scenario costs amounts to a roughly 17% increase
- Provide greater performance improvements in the recycling and collection rates in the medium scenario,
- Ensure key components related to Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) improvements are included in the low scenario,
- And address areas of the needs assessment study by geographic region.

The department also received public comments requesting updates to the proposed scenarios to support expanded drop-off services, particularly for glass and other hard-to-recycle materials, and multiple requests to remove flexible film packaging.

- On flexible film recycling - If technology changes, money is there, and service providers are on board, then this could be incorporated before 2035.

The updated needs assessment report with the revised scenarios is available on the [Producer Responsibility webpage](#).

- Director Ryan will present at the JBC on March 12th at 2pm, she will be the only person presenting, presentation should only last 45 minutes
- No confirmation on which scenario CDPHE will recommend, potentially the medium scenario

- Not sure if the JBC will vote on the Needs Assessment on March 12th, if they vote to approve it will be full steam ahead
 - Do we need to reach out to JBC again or when do we make a call to them for support?
 - We have lobbyists doing this work for us. Sometimes legislative members do not prefer we continue to bug them around the subject. We will have a large team at the capital to show our support instead.
3. SB24-123 - Waste Tires update
 - a. We're hoping to keep rebates in place so landfills can continue to receive rebates from this to meet their landfill cover standards. Also hoping cement kilns were able to continue to receive rebate as beneficial other use for tires
 - b. Not able to get tiers changed
 - c. Put into statute a grant program
 - i. Amendment 4: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-123>
 - ii. Ensure tires continue to remain in circulation for recycling and innovations to come
 1. Grants are not limited to grant applications keeping tires in circulation, but these grant applications are given priority
 - iii. More money available for rebates and grants
 4. C3E update - draft out, C comments due March 5
 - a. RC Position Paper on C3E:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XjRUbvo-vE62lw-SvNms_CgyejzFjdxv/view?usp=share_link
 - b. RC recommendations included BOD makeup (take a peek at feedback)
 - c. Will take a week to consolidate comments and will provide bill draft language by next week
 5. HB24-1069 - Vape bill - in House Appropriations, was amended in House Energy and Environment
 - a. Passed first committee early last month
 - i. Only reservation on the bill is the fiscal note (too high)
 - ii. Worked with CDPHE to bring this down
 - b. Instead of doing a task force on vape disposal it will do a study
 - c. Shelly will provide an update during next meeting on workshop
 6. HB24-1121 - Right to Repair Digital Electronic Equipment - in House Business Affairs and Labor 2/29/24
 - a. Received feedback from members,
 - i. 6 responses, 5 support, 1 monitor
 - b. Pass out of committee and is waiting in house appropriations
 - c. Supported previous 2 right to repair bills
 - d. Software concern - feedback to monitor
 - e. Embracing re-repair is important to keeping items out of the waste stream
 - f. Supporting this bill helps to support the many small businesses that help to repair electronics
 - g. Why important to members or RC?
 - i. We are trying to keep materials out of the landfill, so allowing repairs would help to keep products out of landfills and extend its useful life.
 7. Policy Committee Sector Rep system feedback
 - a. Only 5 sectors (?) gave feedback on the right to repair bill, how does the committee feel about the lack of sectors weighing in?
 - b. Zan mentioned that if the sector does not provide feedback, they give up their right to participate in the process. If this system is not working, we need to find one that does.
 - c. Hutch mentioned that we are in a legislative session and it's important to participate.
 - d. Randy declared that there is enough representation to take the vote forward - to support the right to repair bill.

Zoom Meeting Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055441273?pwd=Mk1mTUUp1Y2lyYkQ5L2VPcTdpbWpSUT09>

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Action items

- Review Producer Responsibility Needs Assessment update (linked above)