

House Committee On Energy and Environment

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Power and Reschke, and committee members,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 4126 – the establishment of a product stewardship program and fund for household hazardous waste.

This program is unnecessary. It simply puts a middleman in between existing hazardous waste sites and stewardship entities and gives them the job of publicizing. That doesn't justify a new government program.

There are already federal requirements for the defined hazardous waste and the bill uses federal definitions.

Then we have more fund commitment for next biennium that reduces available funds. Furthermore, the state gives the stewardship a quota in a cap-and-trade type system where they get credits for exceeding their quota. This bill is all about exceptions to narrow down to the losers that don't have the government's blessing.

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