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The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Law has been very effective in reducing roadside trash and giving people a way to recycle certain plastic waste. The program's purpose is to reduce the volume and toxicity and increase the recyclability of packaging material. Producers usually the brand owners – make payments based on the amount of material they bring into the state. Funds collected are used to reimburse municipalities for the cost of recycling programs and education of the public. LD 1423 would interfere with EPR making it more complicated and restrictive thus undermining the purpose of the present law. It doesn't improve anything and is environmentally hazardous.