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I oppose LD 1471 “An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Packaging”, and LD 1541 “An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money“.

Maine People Before Politics has performed an extensive analysis of these two bills. In reality, the manufacturers will add this fee onto the cost of their products, raising the costs of virtually everything that comes in a package, especially groceries and goods—many of which you’re already paying a sales tax of 5.5 percent on—by an **ADDITIONAL 4 TO 6.5 PERCENT**.

This is nothing but a backdoor tax, that we as consumers will have to endure.

Per <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-highest-lowest-tax-burden/20494>, Maine’s total tax burden at 10.5%, is already the 4th highest overall tax burden in the United States! I do not desire to get Maine to the number one, highest taxed state in the nation!

Unless you can find a way not to pass this additional backdoor tax onto us consumers, I cannot support these bills.

Again, I oppose LD 1471 “An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Packaging”, and LD 1541 “An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money“, and they ought not to pass”.