

# 2025-02-24 Recycling

Dear Committee, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB1092 to prohibit the chemical conversion of plastic in the recycling process.

Most plastic recycling is not actually recycling. Plastics cannot be used over and over again in the same way as aluminum. The plastic industry, in a ploy to make people feel better about plastic consumption, has created a laundry list of codes for increasingly unfeasible and destructive methods for turning one plastic into another. Sometimes this works once before the plastic eventually needs to go to the landfill.

The process of chemical conversion to "recycle" plastic is incredibly polluting. In the process of breaking down the plastic and turning it into something else, a process that ends up reusing a maximum of 14% of the plastic involved, these factories pump out tons of hazardous waste into the air, land and water, including chemicals that have been found to cause damage to the nervous system.

Plastic "recycling" is a scam, and chemical conversion is a particularly nefarious form of it. Please vote "yes" on this bill so this destructive process is not lumped in with more environmentally friendly forms of recycling.

Thank you,

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