To Delegates: Lierman, Charkoudian, D. Jones, R. Lewis, Love and Terrasa

Please support HB 0099 - Beverage Container Deposit Program - Establishment and Advisory Commision

Beverage container deposit programs have been successful for generations. It has been instituted in many states, which is apparent, as you can read the return value on a multitude of glass bottles. This program creates extended producer responsibility, in essence, eliminating costs from the consumer. Equally, it improves the environment and abates costs for municipalities. Bottle deposits will be refunded, instead of being tossed into your trash/recycling and then transporting that to your local landfill. Less trash means less resources allocated to maintain community waste disposal systems.

Return deposits will reduce energy use and lower the need for the manufacturing and developing of more bottles. Even if bottles are broken down and reassembled there is less extracting resources from the earth.

The monetary incentive gives a helping hand to people in need. They can receive a refund while also cleaning our roadways, wooded lots, streets, etc. The benefits are both economic and environmental.

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