

February 14, 2025

Senator Brian J. Feldman
Chair of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Subject: SB0591-Electronics Recycling Health and Safety Modernization Act SUPPORT

Dear Chair Feldman,

On behalf of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), I am writing to you to express a "Support" position on SB0591 by Delegate Stein. CPSC is considered the expert on Product Stewardship programs in California. HB 931 proposes to create a Product Stewardship program for certain electronic waste products. While CPSC was not in existence when California's first electronic waste product stewardship program was established under Senate Bill 20 (Sher, 2003), we have been involved in the evolution of the existing program and did recently expand the program to go beyond just digital display devices to also include battery-embedded products under Senate Bill 1215 (Newman, 2022). Like the digital display devices are currently, these devices will also be charged a visible fee at the point of sale to ensure that they are properly recycled at the end of life.

In an interest to ensure programs that are established throughout the country help build on existing electronic waste collection and recycling programs, like the one in California, CPSC tracks pending legislation in other states. Both HB 931, and its nearly identical bill in the Senate, SB 591 by Senator Augustine, seek to establish a visible fee funded recycling program similar to the California program. I provided detailed feedback last year and the suggestions were considered and/or incorporated into the new version of the bill.

We appreciate the thoughtful stakeholder engagement on this important program and respectfully recommend an "Aye" vote. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have at either Doug@calpsc.org or my cell phone at 916-413-5262.

Respectfully,



Doug Kobold
Executive Director

CPSC Vision

Producers have the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage end of life systems for their products with state government setting the performance goals and ensuring accountability and transparency.

CPSC Mission Statement

To shift California's material economy from a linear model that subsidizes resource extraction, including ratepayer financed collection and disposal, towards a circular economy that relies upon producer-financed and managed recovery programs overseen by state agencies with all participants compensated for their contributions, while improving the health and well-being of all Californians.