



**SB591 – Environment - Covered Electronic Device Recycling Program - Establishment
(Electronics Recycling Health and Safety Modernization Act)
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment
February 18, 2025**

Position: Favorable with Amendment

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water Action supports SB591 to streamline and enhance electronic device recycling efforts in the state.

E-waste remains a persistent problem, and e-waste is particularly toxic when disposed of in the general waste stream. Heavy metals and toxic chemicals - like mercury, lead, and flame-retardants - used in electronic manufacturing are best disposed of properly in proper recycling facilities. SB591 allows MDE to set certifications to ensure responsible management of electronics containing hazardous materials.

Increasing recycling rates and improving the handling of hazardous materials are important steps to reducing harm in our waste system and improving responsible stewardship.

For these reasons we urge a favorable report.

Best,

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