



Virginia Legislative Update

MWCOG Recycling Committee

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Introduced

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| SB11 | Repeal of EPS Ban |
| SB684 | Establishing the Virginia Recycling Development Center and the Virginia Recycling Infrastructure Fund |
| HB1251 | Digital Right To Repair |

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| HB115 | Waste to Energy Grant Program Establishment (Hampton Roads) |
| HR41 | Commending Prestar Packaging |
| HB1266 | Environmental Justice in the Permitting Process Guidanance Memo |
| HB291 | Department of Wildlife Resources, fishing tackle recycling and disposal education webpage |
| SB645 | Air Pollution Control Board regulations; small renewable energy projects; anaerobic digestion technology; report (District 8) |
| <i>HB1037</i> | <i>Instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy</i> |

Passed House and Senate: Vetoed

HB86 Mattress Stewardship Program

GOVERNOR'S VETO

Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia, I veto House Bill 86 which would require Virginians to pay a new fee for a mattress recycling program earmarked for one specific organization.

While I value the need for reliable recycling for mattresses — which crowd landfills, mandating that all mattress retailers that sell to Virginians participate in a single recycling program and increase their prices makes this program unworkable for the Commonwealth.

Accordingly, I veto this bill.

Passed House and Senate: Gov. Recs

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| <p>SB226/ HB1011</p> | <p>Local Competitive Bidding for composting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bid preference• Enabling legislation for requiring compost diversion• Schools expand waste disposal infrastructure |
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Passed House and Senate: Passed

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| HB341 | Plastic Bag Tax Distribution |
| SB138 | PFAS Monitoring- New or industrial users of POTW to monitor and report to POTW |
| SB386 | Land application, sewage sludge PFAS testing requirements |
| SB645 | Air Pollution Control Board regulations; small renewable energy projects; anaerobic digestion technology; report (District 8) |