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AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL...

UNITED STATES

There are no significant federal updates impacting foodservice packaging in the United States this month.

CANADA

[Bill C-15](#), which received Royal Assent on March 26, 2026, makes targeted changes to Canada's federal anti-greenwashing provisions under the [Competition Act](#). The amendments remove the requirement to substantiate

certain environmental claims using an “internationally recognized methodology” and limit who may bring enforcement actions, leaving oversight primarily with the Competition Bureau.

AT THE STATE/PROVINCIAL LEVEL...

FPI’s report of bills that may impact foodservice packaging is available [here](#) in PDF and includes bills as of May 1, 2026.

Below are some highlights of recent and upcoming legislative and regulatory activity.

ALASKA: Alaska’s [HB 25](#) passed the House floor on April 21, 2026. It was subsequently referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee, where the committee heard testimony on April 28, 2026, but has not taken any action to move the bill forward. HB 25 was carried over from 2025 and would prohibit foam polystyrene food service ware and authorize the department to adopt regulations allowing customers to use their own containers at restaurants, with an effective date of January 1, 2027.

CALIFORNIA: On May 1, 2026, CalRecycle [announced](#) that the Office of Administrative Law had approved and filed the permanent regulations implementing California’s Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54). The regulations are now in effect.

CalRecycle also launched the [Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility System \(PEPRS\)](#), a new electronic portal for producer registration, reporting and compliance tracking. Additionally, a [Producer Guidance webpage](#) has been created with plans to publish additional materials and resources soon.

With the regulations effective, producers have 30 days to take initial compliance

actions. However, because the 30 day deadline falls on a Sunday, required actions must be completed no later than June 1, 2026.

The SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met on April 17, 2026, with an agenda largely focused on a review and discussion of the SB 54 Statewide Needs Assessment, as well as updates from CalRecycle and Circular Action Alliance (CAA). Full agenda and meeting documents are available [here](#).

CalRecycle hosted two SB 54 Needs Assessment information sessions in April. The April 6, 2026, session covered the statewide needs assessment, methodology, and source reduction findings related to reuse and refill. Meeting materials are available [here](#). A second session was held on April 14, 2026, with an agenda focused on collection, processing and end markets. Meeting materials for this second session are accessible [here](#).

During the month of April, several bills with potential impacts for foodservice packaging advanced.

First, [AB 1812](#) and [SB 1031](#) relating to compostable products both saw activity. [AB 1812](#) which would change California's requirements for labeling products as "compostable" or "home compostable." The bill would limit use of these terms to products that meet a state-approved compostability standard or hold OK compost HOME certification and prohibit the use of these terms on any product made wholly or partially of plastic (as defined) beginning January 1, 2027. The bill was reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources on April 13, 2026, sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee which placed the bill on its suspense file on April 26, 2026.

[SB 1031](#) would require compostable products to be labeled in a manner that

clearly distinguishes them from non-compostable products, including specific size, color and placement requirements for the term “compostable” as well as prohibit qualified claims such as “compostable except in California.” The bill would also direct the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to study the potential health effects of degraded compostable plastics and related additives. On April 15, 2026, the bill was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. It was then sent to Senate Appropriations and placed on that committee’s agenda for May 4, 2026.

Next, [AB 2253](#) has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations suspense file. The proposal would expand existing requirements for substantiating recycled content claims from plastic food container products to all products. The bill would require manufacturers and suppliers making recycled content claims to maintain documentation demonstrating compliance with the Federal Trade Commission’s Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims. It would also require recycled content claims to be based on actual physical recycled content, prohibit the use of certain accounting methods and define “postconsumer” recycled content.

Next, [SB 1180](#) which would clarify how funds collected under the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund are allocated, was reported by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it is scheduled to be heard on May 4, 2026.

COLORADO: Colorado [SB26-146](#) would require customer opt-in before single-use food serviceware may be provided by food establishments or third-party delivery services, effective January 1, 2027. The proposed measure has passed the Senate and was assigned to the House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs, on April 30, 2026.

The Colorado Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met on April 8, 2026, and the agenda included implementation updates from Circular Action Alliance (CAA) and Interchange 360 (PRO for petroleum and petroleum related products and packaging). Access to materials is available [here](#) under “past meeting materials.” The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet again on May 13, 2026, with registration details [here](#) under “upcoming board meetings.”

CONNECTICUT: Connecticut [HB 5524](#) addresses a range of issues within the state’s materials management system. With respect to plastics, it would prohibit most foam polystyrene foodservice ware and restrict the distribution of single-use utensils, napkins, straws and condiment packets unless requested by the customer. The bill would also prohibit the distribution of straws containing PFAS. In early April, the bill cleared review by the Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis and was reported favorably by the House Appropriations Committee on April 13, 2026. However, the bill did not advance further and during the week ending May 1, 2026, House Democrats announced they would drop efforts to pass HB 5524 this session. Instead, less controversial provisions of the proposal will be incorporated into [HB 5153](#), excluding the proposed polystyrene ban.

ILLINOIS: The Illinois Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Advisory Council met on April 13, 2026. The meeting included an update from the Illinois EPA and presentations and discussions related to specific material types such as paper and glass. The next meeting of the advisory council is scheduled for May 11, 2026. Details and supporting documents for past and future meetings are available [here](#).

MARYLAND: The [Maryland EPR Advisory Council](#) met on April 21, 2026, with the agenda focused on the specific material considerations for the development of the covered materials list. Several groups presented their perspectives on

materials including the Carton Council and a number of local governments.

The next meeting of the Maryland EPR Advisory Council is scheduled for May 28, 2026, to discuss program planning. Details for joining the meeting will be accessible [here](#), when available. Previous meeting videos and slides may be accessed [here](#).

MASSACHUSETTS: Proposed foodservice packaging restrictions were incorporated into the Senate’s environmental bond bill, [SB 3050](#), during committee consideration in April. While some provisions were initially removed, Senate floor action restored a ban on black plastic foodservice ware and added language directing a study of the potential impacts of banning polystyrene. The proposal also includes upon customer request requirements for “food service ware” which has a broad definition. Following Senate passage, the bill advanced under a new bill number, [SB 3064](#), and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on April 27, 2026.

MINNESOTA: The [Minnesota Packaging EPR Advisory Board](#) met on April 15, 2026. The meeting included updates from both the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and CAA, followed by an update on the needs assessment and presentations related to toxics in packaging. The full meeting packet may be accessed [here](#). The advisory council is scheduled to meet again on May 20, 2026, with more information [here](#).

NEW YORK: In April, New York’s extended producer responsibility proposals, [AB 1749](#) (Glick) and [SB 1464](#) (Harckham), were amended, with “A” prints released in late April. While the amendments make some revisions to the producer definition, implementation timelines and toxics provisions, several significant concerns remain, including provisions related to source reduction requirements, producer responsibility designation and covered costs. SB 1464A

has been placed on the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee agenda for May 5, 2026.

OREGON: The Oregon Rulemaking Advisory Committee met on March 30, 2026. Topics for the meeting included draft rule proposals and discussions related to responsible end markets, and covered product exemptions. The full meeting agenda and links to access meeting documents are available [here](#) under “Meeting schedule.” The next meeting of this group is scheduled for May 27, 2026, with details to follow.

The [Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council \(ORSAC\)](#) and its subcommittees are scheduled to meet in May as detailed below.

- May 4, 2026: Materials subcommittee meeting
- May 5, 2026: Infrastructure subcommittee meeting
- May 6, 2026: Infrastructure subcommittee meeting
- May 12, 2026: Materials subcommittee meeting
- May 20, 2026: Regular council meeting

Links to join the above meetings via Teams are available [here](#) under “upcoming meetings.”

WASHINGTON: The Recycling Reform Act (RRA) Advisory Council met on April 29, 2026, with meeting agenda and documents available [here](#) under “Past Meetings.” The meeting included updates from the Department of Ecology, CAA and council subcommittees. Additionally, the discussion focused on the development of the statewide collection lists. The next convening of the advisory council is scheduled for June 11, 2026, with information to join the meeting under “Upcoming Meetings” [here](#).

Also in April, the Department of Ecology [announced](#) that they will be hosting several webinars relating to their “Safer Products for Washington” efforts. On July 15, 2026, the topic for the webinar is set to be “Plastic Packaging, Artificial Turf, Printing Inks, and an opportunity to ask questions about our process or engagement.” All webinars will be held from 12:30-2:00 pm PST, with Zoom registration expected closer to the date.

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATION (PRO) UPDATE

Please refer to [CAA’s Producer Resource Center](#), [CAA’s Producer Policies](#) and [CAA’s Upcoming Events webpage](#) to stay informed.

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL...

There are no local updates impacting foodservice packaging this month.


FPI Enacted Legislation and Ordinance/Bylaw Tracker

[FPI’s enacted legislation and ordinance/bylaw tracker](#) provides information on known enacted legislation and local mandates relating to foodservice packaging. Any changes from the previous month will be highlighted.

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