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AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL...

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

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 June 18, 2026.

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

ALASKA: Alaska's [HB 25](#) was transmitted to the Governor on June 12, 2026. The bill would prohibit foam polystyrene foodservice 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. Further, HB 25 would allow for the use of foam polystyrene foodservice ware in foodservice establishments where permitted by local ordinance.

CALIFORNIA: On June 15, 2026, Circular Action Alliance (CAA) submitted its California program plan to the SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board. This submission initiated the public comment period on the plan which will be open until August 14, 2026. Below is a more detailed timeline of activities related to the California program plan, as communicated by CAA.

2026 California program plan timeline:

- June 15 – August 14: The program plan undergoes a 60-day public comment period, allowing interest holders to review and provide input. Public comment can be made [here](#) from the “submit your comments” button.
 - Jun 26 – August 14: The program plan is expected to be discussed at the SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board meetings on June 26, July 17 and August 7.
 - By August 14, the SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board is to submit written comments to CAA.
 - August 14 – October 13: CAA will review, consider and summarize comments received from the public as they prepare the revised program plan for submission to CalRecycle by October 13.
 - October 13 – December 27: CalRecycle reviews the revised program plan and responds with approval, disapproval, conditional approval,
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request for additional information or timeline for a decision on approval or disapproval within 75 calendar days.

Note that following publication of the California program plan, CAA identified an inconsistency in the fee schedule table found on pages 297-307 of Chapter 9 (Fee Setting). This has been corrected, and revised versions of the complete plan and Chapter 9 are available on CAA's [California program plan page](#). The [California illustrative fee schedule](#) posted to CAA's website on May 1, 2026, remains accurate and unchanged.

The SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board is scheduled to meet June 26, 2026, with registration available [here](#) under “upcoming advisory board meetings” and the agenda accessible [here](#).

Additionally, CAA is hosting a webinar concerning the California program plan submission on July 8, 2026. Interested parties may register to attend [here](#).

On June 5, 2026, CAA hosted a webinar on the reporting requirements of the California Individual Source Reduction Plan (ISR Plan). Producers can access the webinar recording and a copy of the slides on the Producer Portal within the [“2026 Webinar Slides and Recordings”](#) article.

The California ISR Plan submission is due to CAA by August 1, 2026. The CAA portal is now open for the ISR Plan reporting. Guidance materials, recorded webinars, and an ISR Plan workbook are available to assist producers in developing and submitting their plans.

Also in California, a number of bills with potential impacts for foodservice packaging advanced in June.

To begin, [AB 1812](#) would change California's requirements for labeling products as "compostable" or "home compostable." The bill would limit the use of these terms to products that meet a state-approved compostability standard or hold OK compost HOME certification and prohibit their use on any product made wholly or partially of plastic (as defined) beginning January 1, 2027. The bill passed out of the Assembly and was referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee where it is scheduled for a hearing on July 1, 2026.

Also relating to compostables, [SB 1031](#) would require compostable products to be labeled in a manner that clearly distinguishes them from non-compostable products, including requirements for the size, color and placement of the term "compostable." 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. As amended, the bill no longer prohibits the use of the phrase "compostable except in California." The bill was passed by the Senate and sent to the Assembly where it was passed by the Committee on Natural Resources on June 22, 2026, and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Next, [AB 2253](#) passed out of the Assembly and was assigned to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, with a hearing now set for July 1, 2026. 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.

[SB 1180](#) which would clarify how funds collected under the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund are allocated, was amended in the Assembly and re-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on June 15, 2026. The committee passed the measure June 22, 2026, and sent the bill to the Appropriations Committee.

California's [AB 1148](#) which would restrict bisphenols and ortho-phthalates in food packaging, has passed the Assembly and is currently moving through the Senate. Most recently, the bill was amended in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and now moves to the Senate Health Committee.

COLORADO: Colorado [SB26-146](#), which would have restricted the distribution of single-use food serveware, was vetoed by the Governor [citing](#) the need for local control, business flexibility and noting the progress on statewide recycling through EPR.

The Colorado Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met on June 10, 2026, and the agenda included implementation updates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Attorney General's Office and CAA. An education session concerning post-consumer recycled content was also part of the meeting with presentations from various stakeholders. Access to materials is available [here](#) under "past meeting materials." The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet again on July 8, 2026, with registration details [here](#) under "upcoming board meetings."

ILLINOIS: The Illinois Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Advisory Council met on June 8, 2026. The meeting included updates from the Illinois EPA and the state's needs assessment contractor, as well as a presentation from the Can Manufacturers Institute. The next meeting of the advisory council

is scheduled for July 1, 2026, where the draft needs assessment results will be presented by Eunomia. Details and supporting documents for past and future meetings are available [here](#).

DELAWARE: In June 2026, [HB 111](#) advanced with amendments affecting implementation and scope. These amendments adopted delayed the effective date and clarified that single-use items may only be provided upon request. The House then passed [HS 2 for HB 111](#) and referred the bill to the Senate Environment, Energy, and Transportation Committee.

MAINE: On June 15, 2026, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced several key updates regarding implementation of the state's packaging stewardship program. Most notably, DEP released a Request for Proposals for the Stewardship Organization (SO), initiating the process to select the entity that will administer day-to-day program operations, including producer registration and reporting.

DEP also confirmed that producer start-up registration will commence following execution of a contract with an SO. Once the SO's registration mechanism is available, producers will have 90 days to complete registration.

Additionally, DEP is developing supplemental program resources, including updates to the program webpage and formal producer guidance outlining compliance requirements. This guidance is expected to be released in Summer 2026.

The full DEP announcement (including links) is available [here](#).

MARYLAND: The [Maryland EPR Advisory Council](#) met on May 28, 2026, to discuss program planning. Meeting materials, including presentations and a

recording may be accessed [here](#).

MASSACHUSETTS: As previously reported in April 2026, proposed foodservice packaging restrictions in Massachusetts were incorporated into the Senate’s environmental bond bill, [SB 3050](#). 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 June 16, 2026, SB 3064, was amended in House Ways and Means and re-released as [Amendment HB 5510](#), then [Amendment HB 5518](#). This version, which passed the House, would delete a section dealing with plastics reduction. Amendments to include upon customer request requirements for “food service ware” and foam polystyrene food service container restrictions were not accepted. These amendments may resurface as the bill advances.

MINNESOTA: The [Minnesota Packaging EPR Advisory Board](#) met on June 17, 2026, with a focus on the service provider reimbursement methodology. The full advisory council is scheduled to meet again on July 15, 2026, with more information [here](#).

A reminder that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued a Request for Comments in the [State Register](#) (page 1360) to begin rulemaking to implement the state’s Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act. The [public comment period](#) is open through July 24, 2026. For more information on this rulemaking, visit the rule-specific webpage [here](#).

NEW JERSEY: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has made changes to the recycled content website and FAQs to clarify its position on sources of postconsumer recycled content. The changes to the website can be found under the “Evaluation Form for Plastic Conversion Technologies” dropdown [here](#) and the updated FAQs are available [here](#).

NEW YORK: The New York legislative session adjourned on June 5, 2026, without passage of the extended producer responsibility proposals, [AB 1749](#) (Glick) and [SB 1464](#) (Harckham). As a reminder, while the A-print amendments made in April made some revisions to the producer definition, implementation timelines and toxics elements, several significant concerns remained, including provisions related to source reduction requirements, producer responsibility designation and covered costs.

Also in New York, [SB 3911B](#) failed to advance before the end of session. The proposal would have limited the automatic distribution of foodservice items by public food service establishments, requiring that single use items including utensils, condiments, napkins, and additional containers only be provided upon a customer’s request.

OREGON: The Oregon Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) met May 27, 2026. The meeting agenda included updates from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as well as a review of rule concepts relating to recycling acceptance lists, glass, responsible end markets, covered product exemptions and producer definitions. The full meeting agenda and links to access meeting documents are available [here](#) under “meeting schedule.”

On July 9, 2026, DEQ will provide a rulemaking update to the Environmental Quality Commission. The meeting agenda (item C) and information to join the meeting are available [here](#).

The RAC is scheduled to meet on July 20, 2026. Once available, the meeting agenda and links to access meeting documents will be available [here](#) under “meeting schedule.”

The [Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council \(ORSAC\)](#) meeting is set for July 30, 2026, with a link to join the meeting via Teams available [here](#) under “upcoming meetings.”

On June 22, 2026, Oregon DEQ published the 2023 Oregon Solid Waste Characterization and Composition Study on the [Waste Composition Study webpage](#), which includes three interrelated waste and recycling composition studies: Disposed Solid Waste Study, Inbound Commingled Recycling Study, and Outbound Commingled Recycling Study.

RHODE ISLAND: The Rhode Island legislature adjourned June 11, 2026, and the following proposals failed to advance before the close of session:

- [HB 7910](#), [HB 7911](#), [SB 2656](#) and [SB 3012](#), which each included provisions regarding the establishment of a statewide extended producer responsibility program for paper and packaging
- [HB 7913](#) and [SB 2639](#) which would have restricted the provision of plastic straws unless requested or directly taken by the consumer

Also in Rhode Island, the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and consultant Resource Recycling Systems (RRS), is developing a [Statewide Implementation Analysis](#) (SIA) to evaluate options for a beverage container redemption system, EPR program for packaging and paper and other recycling policies. The analysis will assess how these approaches could function in the

state and their potential impacts on recycling rates, waste reduction and long-term materials management. A final report is expected by December 1, 2026.

To guide development of the SIA, DEM has convened an [Advisory Council](#) and is accepting public input through an [online comment portal](#).

The SIA Advisory Council held its first meeting on June 9, 2026, which focused on foundational topics. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026, with one additional meeting planned thereafter. You can access more details about the SIA and the Advisory Council [here](#).

WASHINGTON: The Washington [Recycling Reform Act \(RRA\) Advisory Council](#) met June 11, 2026. Topics for the meeting included updates from the Department of Ecology, CAA and advisory council subcommittees, as well as a review of the statewide list development process. The full agenda and meeting materials are available [here](#) under “past meetings.”

The Statewide List Subcommittee of the RRA Advisory Council will meet again July 22, 2026, and the full RRA Advisory Council is scheduled to meet next on August 13, 2026. Details for joining these meetings are available under “upcoming meetings” [here](#).

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATION UPDATE - CIRCULAR ACTION ALLIANCE (CAA)

CAA is launching a Producer Fee-Setting Consultation to provide an opportunity for producers to help inform how fees are developed across states.

As part of this process, CAA is forming a Steering Committee to help advise on

the overall producer community consultation approach as well as evaluate proposals for updates to the fee-setting methodology. Participation is application-based to create a balanced group of producers representing a range of sectors, materials and perspectives.

You can learn more and apply to participate on the Steering Committee [here](#). Applications are due by June 26, 2026.

A reminder that CAA has opened a public comment period on its [draft Certification Standard for Responsible Markets: For Recycling of Paper, Packaging and Food Serviceware](#) (REM Standard). The draft standard is being developed in collaboration with SCS Standards and Assurance Systems to support implementation of REM requirements established under U.S. EPR laws.

As part of this process, CAA hosted a [webinar](#) to introduce the draft REM Standard, highlight its core components, and explain how interested parties can review and submit comments.

The [public comment period](#) is open until July 7, 2026.

CAA continues to post updated resources for registered producers in the Producer Portal. Please refer to the guidance and tools in the portal frequently.

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

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL...

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BEAUFORT, SC: On June 8, 2026, the Beaufort County Council adopted an ordinance expanding local restrictions affecting foodservice packaging. As passed the ordinance prohibits expanded polystyrene foodservice containers and limits distribution of plastic straws and utensils to request-only. It also bans plastics carryout bags and requires provision of reusable or recyclable paper alternatives. The ordinance will take effect following adoption of corresponding measures by municipalities within the county, with enforcement after a transition period (approximately eight months). Note that the ordinance language may be accessed in the meeting agenda packet [here](#) (pages 121-125).

UNDER CONSIDERATION

HANOVER COUNTY, VA: The Hanover County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on June 24, 2026, to consider [Ordinance No. 26-07](#). The proposed ordinance would prohibit vendors of prepared foods from using expanded polystyrene foodservice containers (consistent with Virginia state law) while establishing a process for affected vendors to apply for a temporary exemption of up to one year.

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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