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AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL...

On July 6, 2026, [H.R. 9593](#), the *Keep Food Containers Safe from PFAS Act of 2026*, was introduced in the U.S. House. The bill would prohibit the interstate commerce of food packaging containing fluorinated organic chemicals with at least one fully fluorinated methyl or methylene carbon atom and is not limited to intentionally added PFAS. H.R. 9593 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade held a hearing on July 22, 2026, that included two packaging-related bills: [H.R. 6832](#), the *Packaging and Claims Knowledge (PACK) Act of 2025* and [H.R. 7502](#)

Recycled Materials Attribution (RMAA) Act. The PACK Act would establish federal requirements for recyclable, compostable, and reusable packaging claims, while the RMAA would establish federal standards for recycled content and recycling claims. No further committee action has been announced.

CANADA

There are no significant federal updates impacting foodservice packaging in 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 July 24, 2026.

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

ALASKA: In late June 2026, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy [vetoed HB 25](#), citing concerns that restricting commonly used foodservice packaging on a short implementation timeline would create challenges for businesses. The bill would have prohibited polystyrene foam foodservice ware and authorized regulations allowing customers to use their own containers at restaurants beginning January 1, 2027.

CALIFORNIA: A reminder that Circular Action Alliance (CAA) submitted its California program plan to the SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board on June 15, 2026, initiating a public comment period that remains open through August 14, 2026. More details are available on [California program plan page](#).

The SB 54 Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met on June 26 and July 17, 2026, to discuss CAA's California Program Plan. The Advisory

Board is scheduled to meet again on August 7, 2026, to finalize its feedback on the plan. Meeting materials, recordings, and registration information are available on CalRecycle's [Advisory Board webpage](#).

CalRecycle has updated its SB 54 Source Reduction Reporting Guidance, originally published on September 1, 2025, to provide additional clarification and support regarding source reduction reporting requirements under California's EPR program. The updated guidance was released on July 20, 2026, and is available on CalRecycle's [Producer Guidance](#) webpage.

California Individual Source Reduction (ISR) Plans are due to Circular Action Alliance (CAA) by August 3, 2026, as the statutory August 1 deadline falls on a Saturday. CAA's reporting portal is now open for ISR Plan submissions. Producers can access guidance materials, recorded webinars, and an ISR Plan workbook to assist in developing and submitting their plans.

On July 20, 2026, CAA published [California's 2026 Early Fee Schedule](#), as required under SB 54 implementation. The schedule establishes 2026 fee rates across six broad material categories and will be used for invoices issued in August. CAA also noted that the [illustrative fees](#) released in May 2026 remain non-binding estimates, with final 2027 fee rates expected by October 1, 2026.

Additionally in California, a number of bills with potential impacts for foodservice packaging remain under consideration.

California's [AB 1812](#) would revise the state'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 would prohibit their use on products made wholly or partially of plastic, as defined. On July 2, 2026, the bill was amended to change the effective date to June 30, 2027, and to add provisions related to local ordinances and polymer definitions. The bill was subsequently re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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 referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

[AB 2253](#) would expand substantiation requirements for recycled content claims from plastic food container products to all products making recycled content claims. The bill would require claims to be supported by documentation demonstrating compliance with the Federal Trade Commission’s Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims requirements and establish standards for calculating recycled content. On July 2, 2026, the bill was amended and approved by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

[SB 1180](#) would provide additional direction regarding the allocation and use of funds from the SB 54 California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund. The bill was approved by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on June 22, 2026, and re-referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 23, 2026.

California’s [AB 1148](#) would restrict certain hazardous chemicals in food packaging, including intentionally added bisphenols and ortho-phthalates. On July 2, 2026, the bill was amended and approved by the Senate Health Committee and re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Further in California, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has finalized a rulemaking adding microplastics to the Safer Consumer Products Candidate Chemicals List. DTSC notes that inclusion on the Candidate

Chemicals List does not, by itself, impose new regulatory requirements. Additional information is available on [DTSC's microplastics webpage](#).

COLORADO: The Colorado Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met on July 8, 2026. Agenda topics included implementation updates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Attorney General's Office, and CAA. The Board also discussed the European Union's Single-Use Plastics Directive and received its annual review of the state's minimum recyclables list. Meeting materials are available on CDPHE's [Advisory Board webpage](#) under "past meeting materials." The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet again on August 12, 2026, with registration details [here](#) under "upcoming board meetings."

Also, CDPHE has updated the Producer Responsibility Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to reflect recent program developments and implementation activities. The revised FAQ is available under the "Resources" section of the [Producer Responsibility Program webpage](#).

HAWAII: The Hawaii [Needs Assessment](#) Advisory Council is scheduled to convene for its initial meeting on August 27, 2026. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with further details to be announced.

ILLINOIS: On July 1, 2026, the Illinois EPA released Eunomia's [draft Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment](#) for Advisory Council (SRNAAC) review. The SRNAAC has until August 30, 2026, to provide comments on the draft. While the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is not required to solicit or formally respond to public comments, the agency indicated it may consider input received, including comments submitted during SRNAAC meetings.

The Advisory Council met on July 13 and July 27, 2026, to discuss the draft assessment and develop feedback. Additional meetings are scheduled for August 10 and August 24, 2026. Information on the SRNAAC, including

meeting notices, agendas, and supporting materials, is available on the council [webpage](#).

MARYLAND: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has published a compliance guide and frequently asked questions (FAQ) document addressing the state's Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products law and implementing regulations. The resources are available on MDE's [Producer Responsibility](#) webpage under "Packaging and Paper Products," along with Advisory Council meeting materials, meeting archives, and other program information.

MASSACHUSETTS: The environmental bond bill, [S.3064/H.5518](#), remains in conference committee. The Senate version retains several foodservice packaging provisions originating from the Massachusetts Plastics Reduction Act, including restrictions on black plastic foodservice ware, a study of a potential polystyrene ban, and requirements related to the distribution of "food service ware." The House-passed version removed the plastics reduction section. The conference committee held an organizational meeting on July 8, 2026, to establish procedures and scheduling for negotiations. No conference report or updated language has been released to date.

MINNESOTA: The [Minnesota Packaging EPR Advisory Board](#) met on July 15, 2026. Agenda items included a presentation from Eunomia on preliminary results from the state's packaging needs assessment, updates from Advisory Board subcommittees, implementation updates from Circular Action Alliance (CAA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and development of Advisory Board comments on the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act rulemaking request for comments. The meeting packet is available [here](#).

OREGON: The Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) for DEQ's RMA Updates 2026 rulemaking process held their final meeting on July 20, 2026. During the meeting, DEQ presented draft rule concepts addressing the

definition of “effectively composted,” transportation cost reimbursements, producer responsibility organization (PRO) convenience standards, and multifamily and multi-tenant service elements. DEQ also presented draft fiscal and racial equity impact statements. DEQ indicated it intends to publish draft rule language for public comment this fall and bring proposed rules to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission for consideration in January 2027. Additional information is available on DEQ’s [RMA Updates 2026 rulemaking website](#).

The [Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council \(ORSAC\)](#) will meet on July 30, 2026. Agenda topics include a presentation from CAA on its 2025 Annual Report, an update on the compostability study and the covered products leakage study, and election of the council's Chair and Vice Chair. The meeting agenda, background documents and a link to join the meeting are available [here](#) under “upcoming meetings.”

CAA has submitted its 2025 Oregon Annual Report to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), fulfilling statutory reporting requirements under the state's Recycling Modernization Act (RMA). The report is the first annual report for Oregon's paper and packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program and provides an overview of program implementation, operations, financial activity, producer participation, and recovery system investments during the program's first year. DEQ has opened a public comment period on the report through August 27, 2026, and comments may be submitted to rethink.recycling@deq.oregon.gov. DEQ's review will also include consideration by the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council.

Also, CAA has announced a series of stakeholder webinars to discuss early concepts being considered for Oregon's 2028 Program Plan. Topics will include responsible end markets (REMs), eco-modulation, education and outreach, equity, the Uniform Statewide Collection List (USCL), material strategies, and

RecycleOn Center expansion. Feedback surveys will be distributed following each webinar to gather stakeholder input.

Upcoming webinars include:

- [August 12 – Eco-modulation and Responsible End Markets \(REMs\)](#)
- [August 19 – Education, Outreach, and Equity](#)
- [September 2 – Materials Management, USCL, and RecycleOn Center Expansion](#)

RHODE ISLAND: 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 met on July 14, 2026, to review preliminary needs assessment findings and discuss the evaluation of potential policy options. One additional Advisory Council meeting is expected, with a date yet to be announced.

DEM also held a virtual public workshop on July 21, 2026, to provide an overview of the SIA work plan and gather stakeholder input. Additional information is available [here](#).

WASHINGTON: The Statewide List Subcommittee of the [Recycling Reform Act \(RRA\) Advisory Council](#) met on July 22, 2026, to discuss the first [draft of the](#)

[statewide collection lists](#). Supporting materials, including a [briefing memo](#) and an [updated companion document](#), were also made available for stakeholder review. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on August 4 and August 10, 2026, as it continues discussions on the draft lists. A public comment period on a revised version of the statewide collection lists is expected to begin in August.

The next meeting of the full RRA Advisory Council is scheduled for August 13, 2026.

Additional information, including Advisory Council and subcommittee meeting notices, agendas, and participation details, is available on the [RRA website](#).

Further in Washington, the Department of Ecology has uploaded the Safer Products for Washington webinars to their [YouTube channel](#). Interested parties can either watch all of them through the [video playlist](#) or select the specific webinars from the list below:

- [Webinar 1 — Cosmetics, Nail Products, and Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [Webinar 2 — Jewelry and Accessories, Motor Vehicle Tires, and Cookware and Kitchen Supplies](#)
- [Webinar 3 — Architectural Paints, Sealants, Adhesives and Caulks, and Hard Surface Sealers](#)
- [Webinar 4 — Insulation, Solid Deodorizers, and Floor Waxes and Polishes](#)
- [Webinar 5 — Plastic Packaging, Artificial Turf and Printing Inks](#)

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATION UPDATE - CIRCULAR ACTION ALLIANCE (CAA)

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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HANOVER COUNTY, VA: The Hanover County Board of Supervisors adopted [Ordinance No. 26-07](#) at their meeting on June 24, 2026. The ordinance prohibits 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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