

HB 253 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **253**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

SPONSORS: Rep. Parshall, Ches. 8; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. Dutzy, Hills. 6; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study extended producer  
2 responsibility in order to provide relief to the cost of municipalities in solid waste disposal.

3       2 Membership and Compensation.

4           I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5               (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.

7               (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8           II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10       3 Duties. The committee shall:

11           I. Study extended producer responsibility (EPR) as a mechanism for meeting the waste  
12 reduction goals established in RSA 149-M and reducing the tax burden that solid waste disposal  
13 places on municipalities.

14           II. Examine existing EPR laws in other states, territories, and international jurisdictions  
15 and establish priorities for more in-depth study. Possible targets for EPR include packaging, single  
16 use plastics, beverage containers, electronic waste, batteries, automotive waste, and hazardous  
17 waste.

18           III. Assess how these laws could be adapted to the existing solid waste recovery  
19 infrastructure in New Hampshire and what support the department of environmental services would  
20 require to implement such laws.

21           IV. Solicit industry stakeholder input on approaches that manufacturers and distributors  
22 would be best able to undertake or facilitate.

23           V. Suggest possible legislation and/or rules for implementing approaches that would be  
24 readily adaptable to New Hampshire, and may propose topics for further study.

25           VI. The committee may draw on a broad range of stakeholders and experts to provide  
26 relevant testimony.

27       4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
28 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
29 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
30 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1           5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
2 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
3 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

4           6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.