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STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of: }
Support of Extended Producer }
Responsibility for leftover paint }
to provide stable financing, }
increased recycling and reduced }
environmental and health impacts. }

RESOLUTION NO. 48-14

A resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Jefferson to support Extended Producer Responsibility, a product stewardship system, for leftover paint to provide stable financing, increased recycling and resource recovery, and reduced environmental and health impacts.

WHEREAS, the recycling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and the conservation of resources are two challenging and costly issues currently facing local governments; and

WHEREAS, oil-based paints are toxic, can harm fish and wildlife, can pollute groundwater when improperly disposed¹, and contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that can irritate eyes, skin, and lungs, cause headaches and nausea, and can contribute to asthma or other respiratory problems², muscle weakness, and liver and kidney damage³ to exposed individuals; and

WHEREAS, 10% of purchased paint becomes leftover waste paint⁴, resulting in 1.34 million gallons of leftover paint in Washington in 2010⁵; and

WHEREAS, paint is the second largest waste stream, behind used oil, collected at hazardous waste facilities in Washington State and only 38 percent of available leftover paint⁶ or 507,235 gallons were collected in 2010; and

WHEREAS, only 28 percent of leftover latex paint collected in Washington in 2011 was recycled, and 60 percent of state residents had no access to latex collection⁷; and

WHEREAS, leftover latex paint can be made into recycled-content paint, reducing the raw materials needed to produce virgin paints, and the energy required to extract those materials and manufacture new paint; and

WHEREAS, local governments spent an estimated \$3.5 million or 52 cents for every person in the state to recycle paint⁸; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility is a policy approach that shifts financial and physical responsibility for end-of-life management of consumer products from local governments to those who benefit economically from the sale of the products they produce and to those who use the products; and

WHEREAS, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or recycled or disposed of responsibly and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments have been in negotiation with paint manufacturers of the American Coatings Association (ACA) to reach agreement on paint producer responsibility since 2002, which led to a Memorandum of Understanding⁹ signed by the Washington Department of Ecology, Benton-Franklin Health Department, City of Walla Walla, City of Spokane, Solid Waste Department, City of Vancouver, Solid Waste Division, Clark County, Cowlitz County Public Works, Grays Harbor County, King County Solid Waste Division, Kitsap County Solid Waste Division, Lincoln County Public Works, Pend Oreille County, Snohomish County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Whatcom County Executive, Whitman County Solid Waste Department, Yakima County Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the American Coatings Association, representing both companies and professionals working in the paint and coatings industry, supports stewardship legislation requiring the paint manufacturers to finance and manage a paint stewardship program to recycle unwanted architectural paint and industry supported legislation has been enacted in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the American Coatings Association supports legislation in Washington so that a similar product stewardship system for paint can be implemented in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to local government, our citizens and our state to support industry-driven initiatives that provide increased recycling and resource recovery, stable financing, and reduced environmental and health impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson County, Washington supports policies and legislation that establish a convenient, safe, and environmentally sound paint stewardship program in Washington State that is financed by paint manufacturers and covers the cost of collection, transportation, and recycling, and that does not rely on state and local government funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jefferson County Public Works, Washington be authorized to send letters to the State Legislature and State associations, and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for paint product stewardship legislation.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2014.

SEAL:



JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Austin, Chair

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Carolyn Avery
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David Sullivan, Member

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<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002730.htm> (accessed September 25, 2012).
 - ⁴ Abt Associates Inc., *Quantifying the Disposal of Post-Consumer Architectural Paint*. Prepared for the U.S. EPA, 2007. Available at http://www.epa.gov/sectors/pdf/paint_quantity_report.pdf.
 - ⁵ Cascadia Consulting Group, *Leftover Paint Management in Washington: A Comparative Analysis of Performance, Costs, and Economic Impacts of the Existing System and a Model Product Stewardship System*. Prepared for the Northwest Product Stewardship Council, October 2012.
 - ⁶ Ibid.
 - ⁷ Ibid.
 - ⁸ Ibid.
 - ⁹ Product Stewardship Institute, *Second Paint Memorandum of Understanding*. October, 2007.
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