

February 27, 2019

The Honorable Timm Ormsby
The Honorable Joe Fitzgibbon
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Dear Chair Ormsby and members of the House Appropriations Committee; and Chair Fitzgibbon and Members of the House Environment and Energy Committee:

The Hazardous Waste Management Program urges you to support House Bill 1652. This paint stewardship legislation requires the manufacturers of paint to finance and manage a paint recycling program for Washington State.

With over 2 million residents, King County, Washington is the 13th most populous county in the United States. The Hazardous Waste Management Program is a coalition which includes King County, the City of Seattle, 37 other cities, and two tribes. The Hazardous Waste Management Program works to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality by reducing the threat posed by the production, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials

The Hazardous Waste Management Program supports this paint stewardship legislation for these reasons:

- King County residents want convenient, low-cost options to recycle or dispose of their unwanted latex and oil-based paint.
- Creating and managing a paint recycling program for King County alone is cost prohibitive.
- Our County is currently experiencing reduced funding for our moderate risk waste programs, due to the reduction in Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance funding (formerly known as Coordinated Prevention Grants).
- Paint stewardship legislation would create an equitable collection network across the state, where our residents and businesses can take their paint to be recycled or properly managed.

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- The bill, HB 1652, is brought forth by the American Coatings Association, the trade association that represents paint manufacturers and distributors. This program currently operates in eight other states and has widespread support among paint manufacturers, retailers, and contractors.
- Paint stewardship would create jobs and increase business opportunities around the recycling and recovery of unwanted paint in Washington State.

The Hazardous Waste Management Program asks you to support this sensible legislation that would allow the private sector paint manufacturers to fund, collect, and recycle these valuable, reusable materials through a sustainable paint recycling program. Please contact Ashley Pedersen, Hazardous Waste Management Program Policy Liaison, at ashley.pedersen@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-3761, for further information about our comments or our Program.

Sincerely,



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