

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS ON RECYCLED PRODUCTS

Assembly Bill 427  
(Chapter 462, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*)

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study the Deposits and Refunds on Recycled Products at its second meeting held on April 3, 2012, and at its final meeting and work session held on June 26, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following bill draft requests (BDRs) will be submitted to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2013.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

1. Adopt a concurrent resolution expressing the Nevada Legislature's support for single-stream recycling and urging Nevada's boards of county commissioners to implement programs for single-stream recycling. **(BDR -119)**

**NOTE:** Single-stream recycling is a method of recycling in which all recyclable materials, including aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers, are placed unsorted into a single recycling bin or container, instead of being sorted and separated at the source. Under the single-stream model, the collection and processing systems are designed to handle a fully commingled mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.

2. Enact legislation raising the recycling goal set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 444A.020 from 25 percent to 40 percent and require all Nevada counties to study and report to the 2015 Nevada Legislature on their efforts toward implementing single-stream recycling within their counties. **(BDR -120)**
3. Enact legislation relating to unlawful dumping by amending NRS 444.630, subsection 1, subparagraph (c), to increase, from two years to four years, the time frame between a third offense and a subsequent offense during which the greater penalty could be imposed. Under this amendment, a repeat offender would not revert to a first offense until four years (rather than two years) has elapsed after his or her third offense. **(BDR -121)**
4. Adopt a concurrent resolution expressing the Nevada Legislature's support for the program, partnerships, and recycling efforts of the America's Schools Program (ASP). **(BDR -122)**

**NOTE:** The ASP is a corporate partnership program for schools that provides a discretionary school funding source through the revenues generated from recycling activities. Participating schools receive a contribution based upon the value of the items that are recycled by ASP corporate partners. The ASP recently partnered with Julien Environmental Technology (“JET”) Recycling, which specializes in reprocessing all grades of plastic into a large number of consumer products. Schools partnering with ASP receive royalties on the sale of these products to assist with programs such as music, the arts, and related activities.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE LETTERS**

5. Send a Committee letter to the Chair and members of the Legislative Commission expressing support for and urging the Commission’s approval of the “Adopted Regulation of the State Environmental Commission, LCB File No. R049-11,” which addresses the availability and placement of recycling containers at certain apartment complexes and condominiums.
6. Send a Committee letter to each board of county commissioners in Nevada encouraging those boards to make available in the county a program for single-stream recycling as soon as feasibly possible. Include in the letter notification that the 2013 Nevada Legislature will be considering a concurrent resolution as set forth in Recommendation No. 1 (see above).
7. Send a Committee letter to the various builders’ and contractors’ associations and construction trade organizations encouraging their members to engage in and increase the level of construction site recycling. The letter should also encourage these associations and organizations to study the impacts of construction and demolition materials recycling and evaluate the ideal parameters for construction site recycling and request they report their findings to the Nevada Legislature. Considerations for study could include: (a) project applicability (based on the size and type of construction activity); (b) identifying target materials; (c) the development of incentives; (d) consideration of physical space limitations; (e) amending construction permitting requirements; (f) considerations regarding onsite practices (i.e., single-stream versus source separation); (g) monitoring and reporting requirements; and (h) enforcement mechanisms.
8. Send a Committee letter to the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, praising the efforts of the UNLV Rebel Recycling Program and urging the establishment of similar programs at other Nevada System of Higher Education campuses.
9. Send a Committee letter to the State of California’s Senate Majority Leader, Senator Ellen M. Corbett (D-Senate District 10) and the Chairwoman of the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations, Senator Christine Kehoe (D-Senate

District 39), expressing support for A.B. 1933, sponsored by Assembly Member Richard S. Gordon (D-Assembly District 21). The measure, as approved by the California State Assembly and California's Senate Committees on Environmental Quality and Appropriations, proposes to reduce the threshold for reporting imported beverage container material from 100 pounds to 25 pounds for aluminum, bimetal, or plastic, and from 1,000 pounds to 250 pounds for glass beverage container material. The measure also requires that any person required to report on the importation of beverage container material to the California Department of Resource, Recycling, and Recovery to also provide documentation of the source and destination of the material.