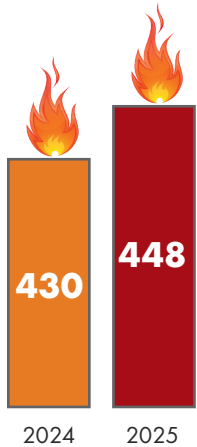


# Building a Safer Battery System for Iowa



As the use of batteries has grown, so too has the number of fires at waste and recycling facilities and in collection trucks, with industry tracking identifying **more than 3,500 confirmed fires and hot spots in a single year.**

*U.S. and Canada, publicly reported incidents*

🔥 **US\$2.5 BILLION** a year in estimated losses to the U.S. waste and recycling industry

🔥 **US\$50+ MILLION** to replace a single recycling facility after a catastrophic fire

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## What are the Benefits of Bill SF545/HF726?

### Battery Producer Participation

To sell batteries in Iowa after January 1, 2028, producers must join a Battery Stewardship Organization (BSO), responsible for developing and funding a plan for collecting, sorting, transporting, and disposal of recovered batteries. Battery producers are in favor of this approach.

### Accessible

Retailers, solid waste facilities, and household hazardous waste drop-offs across the state can choose to become collection points. The BSO must fully fund/reimburse battery program costs for those that participate. Iowa's public and private waste industry participants support this approach.

### Comprehensive

Most household batteries are covered, not just lithium-ion, because batteries increasingly look the same.

### Consistent

By taking household batteries regardless of chemistry, public outreach can focus on encouraging participation and the availability of collection points.

### Safe

Collection sites receive safety training and support to ensure they are using proper handling and storage techniques. Iowa firefighters support improved programs to capture batteries and reduce fire risk.

### Accountable

The BSO sets collection goals in their plans and submits annual reports to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to track progress and increase program effectiveness.