



BOTTLE BILL PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Submitted prior to session

1. Could you provide details about how the 60 million fund will be spent?
2. Who will administer the fund?
3. How will increase in volume be handled? (Water, energy, non carbonated?)
4. How do you interpret the proposed legislation's plan to continuously fund litter control programs and cut off funding for recycling once the cap amount is reached?
5. How would increasing the deposit to 10 cents with none going to processors compare with the proposed legislation in terms of recycling rates and litter control?
6. Why is K.I.B. supporting Bottle Bill repeal, not support deposit increase, RCenter expand, job creation, litter reduction? Why do Grocers not support deposit increase, RCenter expand, job creation?
7. What steps are likely to be taken to help low income/homeless persons who will be the biggest group of losers if a new law is passed?
8. What steps will be taken to reduce litter in public spaces, which will undoubtedly increase if the present deposit law is scrapped?
9. How can we increase economically available sound material for making new containers if the present deposit scheme is scrapped?
10. Why change a law that is the best recycling process in the state of Iowa?
11. Doesn't the Iowa Beverage Container Law now provide maximum recovery of containers at minimal cost which allows current curbside programs to operate at lower costs?

Submitted during session (read aloud, but did not get answered)

1. If stakeholders are expressing desire to expand materials covered and increase the deposit amount, will that be included in your updated legislation? Especially since the data proves that would improve recycling and reduce litter even more.
2. Are grocery chains in Iowa wanting to see a change? What are they wanting to see? Less burden on them to handle materials? Or better handling fee? What is their position?

3. If the current bill was amended, allowing grocery stores and convenience stores to NOT have to accept deposit containers, would the Iowa Grocers Association support keeping the bill or expanding it?
4. Cut out the grocers, raise the fee. If the grocers want out, why not let them out and still raise the fee to 10 cents? That money would support redemption centers to expand to cover the containers and new containers.
5. Besides grocery stores, what other outlets could we use to successfully redeem containers?
6. How many more people or households in Iowa would get curbside recycling under HF575 that don't have it now?
7. What about glass? HF575 slides showing aluminum and plastic? Does glass hurt single stream recycling?
8. Is the committee writing/improving HF575 taking Susan Collins' comments seriously and will they adopt her recommendations?
9. Can Iowa's redemption centers and retail return operations handle additional materials that are currently not subject to deposits but are unrecovered? Such as plastic pouches. If collected with deposit at redemption centers, its post-consumer value would be higher compared to curbside.
10. Susan, can you elaborate on the 3% number and why it is misleading?