



SUPPORTING PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEMS FOR LEFTOVER PAINT TO PROVIDE STABLE FINANCING, INCREASED RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY, AND REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. 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 paint or 507,235 gallons of paint were collected in 2010.
2. The reduction and recycling of paint follows the state's waste management hierarchy.
3. Oil based paints are toxic, can harm fish and wildlife, can pollute groundwater if dumped, 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 problems, muscle weakness and liver and kidney damage.
4. Ten percent of purchased paint becomes leftover waste paint, resulting in 1.34 million gallons of leftover paint in Washington in 2010.
5. Only 28 percent of leftover latex paint collected in Washington in 2011 was recycled and 60 percent of state residents (including those in Clallam County) had no access to latex collection.
6. 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.
7. Product stewardship 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.
8. When producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or recycled or disposed of responsibly, also known as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) 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.
9. Local and state governments have been in negotiation with paint manufacturers of the American Coatings Association to reach agreement on paint producer responsibility since 2002, which led to a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Washington Department of Ecology and numerous Washington state local jurisdictions (including 14 other counties).
10. This resolution was recommended by a unanimous vote of the Clallam County Solid waste Advisory Committee on September 18, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. Supports the most effective state producer responsibility legislation achievable for paint.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this fourteenth day of October 2014

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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