

# SB 54

## OVERVIEW AND IMPACTS FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS



**Senate Bill (SB) 54: The Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (Allen)** was signed into law on June 30, 2022, and is the most comprehensive extended producer responsibility (EPR) law for single-use packaging and single-use plastic foodware in the nation. If properly implemented, SB 54 will make a positive impact on communities, local governments, and the environment.

### KEY GOALS OF SB 54:

- ✓ Reduce the volume of packaging generated/disposed
- ✓ Increase recycling
- ✓ Shift packaging pollution responsibility to producers
- ✓ Shift costs from local jurisdictions/ratepayers
- ✓ Provide clarity and consistency for consumers
- ✓ Stimulate investment in reuse and refill systems
- ✓ Fund clean up efforts in disadvantaged communities

### MATERIALS COVERED BY SB 54:



Single-Use Packaging



Plastic Single-Use Foodware

100%

of single-use packaging and plastic single-use foodware must be recyclable or compostable

### By 2032:

25%

source reduction of single-use plastic packaging and foodware (by weight and unit)

65%

of single-use plastic packaging and foodware recycled



**The Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)** is responsible for paying all costs of implementation, enrolling producers, creating programs, increasing recycling rates, and reducing pollution in disadvantaged communities.



**CalRecycle** is responsible for developing regulations (by January 1, 2025), publishing lists of covered materials categories, designating recyclability/compostability, appointing an Advisory Board, approving the PRO Plan, conducting needs assessments, publishing recycling rates, and enforcing requirements.



**Jurisdictions** are required to collect materials designated recyclable or compostable by CalRecycle

CalRecycle published the current draft SB 54 regulations on March 8, 2024, and will be releasing a second draft in fall 2024. There are several areas of the regulations that impact local jurisdictions and require close attention during rulemaking and implementation.

### FOCUS AREAS



The timeline for when jurisdictions' costs will be covered by the PRO



The scope and types of costs that will be covered by the PRO



The payment mechanism from the PRO to cover jurisdictions' costs



The need for transparency between the PRO, recycling service providers, and jurisdictions

### HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE:



#### Stay informed

- Subscribe to CalRecycle's SB 54 listserv
- Attend presentations

#### Engage in rulemaking / implementation

- Submit comments
- Attend CalRecycle meetings

#### Collaborate with partners

- Join working groups / build partnerships

#### Discuss early and often

- Discuss internally and begin to track costs

To learn how SB 54 will impact your jurisdiction, contact us at (925) 977-6950