

RCW 70A.208.250 Deposit return system—Intent—Implementation.

(1) It is the intent of the legislature that if a bottle deposit return system is enacted in the future, it will be harmonized with this chapter in a manner that ensures that:

(a) Materials covered in that system are exempt from this chapter or related financial obligations are reduced;

(b) Colocation of drop-off collection sites is maximized;

(c) Education and outreach are integrated between the two programs; and

(d) Waste reduction and reuse strategies are prioritized between the two programs.

(2) Any implementation of a bottle deposit return system must include a two-year transition period before the expiration of the currently approved plan and be conducted in a manner that does not create sudden and significant operational or financial disruption to the implementation of a plan under this chapter, including provisions of recycling or reuse services contained in the plan. [2025 c 316 s 125.]