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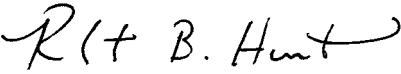
H.P. 308

House of Representatives, February 11, 2025

**An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts  
Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3115, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 529, §6, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 B. For the report required by this subsection that is due February 15, 2026, and for  
5 each subsequent report, the department shall, at a minimum, include:

6 (1) Any recommendations for necessary adjustments to the amount of the handling  
7 fee under section 3106, subsection 7; ~~and~~

8 (2) Information regarding the status of the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology  
9 Fund under section 3114-A, including, but not limited to, information regarding  
10 the number and amount of grants issued under that fund, information on the  
11 recipients of those grants and the technology that those grants were used to  
12 support; ~~and~~

13 (3) An evaluation and recommendations, including draft legislation as necessary,  
14 regarding the inclusion within the scope of this chapter of additional container sizes  
15 and types used to contain beverages or other consumer products that are not  
16 beverages.

17 **Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection; beverage container**  
18 **redemption program report.** The Department of Environmental Protection, in the  
19 report required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3115, subsection 3 that is  
20 due February 15, 2026, in evaluating the inclusion of additional container sizes and types  
21 within the scope of Title 38, chapter 33, as required by Title 38, section 3115, subsection  
22 3, paragraph B, subparagraph (3), shall, at a minimum, evaluate and provide  
23 recommendations, including draft legislation as necessary, regarding the inclusion under  
24 the beverage container redemption program of clear glass containers that contain consumer  
25 products that are not beverages.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to include an evaluation  
28 and recommendations regarding the inclusion within the beverage container redemption  
29 program of additional container sizes and types used to contain beverages or other  
30 consumer products that are not beverages in its annual report to the joint standing  
31 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources  
32 matters on the status of the program that is due February 15, 2026, and for each subsequent  
33 report. The bill also specifically requires the department, in the report that is due February  
34 15, 2026, to evaluate and provide recommendations regarding the inclusion under the  
35 beverage container redemption program of clear glass containers that contain consumer  
36 products that are not beverages.