

# 2018 IL EPA Electronics Recycling Stakeholder Meeting

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Topic: Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA),  
Legislative History

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# Legislative History

- Summary of Electronics Legislation, Pre CERA
- Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act (PA 95-0959), passed in September 2009
  - Established Extended Producer Responsibility program with first program year in 2010
  - Landfill ban on CEDs effective January 1, 2012
  - Required IEPA to solicit written comments on all aspects of the program by July 1, 2015, hold public hearing by August 1, 2015 and submit report to General Assembly by February 1, 2016 with its findings

# Legislative History

- IEPA Report to General Assembly
  - Key findings
    - Electronics collection infrastructure inadequate in certain areas of the state
    - Collection sites not available year round
    - Complicated recordkeeping and tracking system leading to possible double counting and ghost weight, hard to monitor integrity of the data

# Legislative History

- IEPA Report to General Assembly
  - Key recommendations
    - Transition from a performance/goals based approach to a convenience standard to insure year round programs
    - Recommended that any county with more than 50 people per square mile should have at least one collection site, scaling up number of sites based on increased population density
      - Left 48 counties without a collection site

# Legislative History

- 2015 Legislation, HB 1455 (PA 99-0013)
  - Program stress became more acute in late 2014 and 2015, led to HB 1455 being introduced and enacted
    - Increased goals in 2015, 2016 and 2017
      - From 36.7M pounds in 2015 to 46.8M pounds
      - 2016 and 2017 goals increased to 49.6M pounds, with 34M pounds for TVs and monitors, and 15.6M pounds for all other CEDs
- Stakeholders understood need to negotiate a long term fix, HB 1455 goals reverted back to original formula for determining goals in 2018, which would be much lower than 49.6M pounds

# Legislative History

- Consumer Electronics Recycling Act History
  - In 2016 and 2017 two separate draft bills were prepared by IL Product Stewardship Council and IL Manufacturers Association
  - Under bi-partisan leadership of Senator Althoff and Rep. McAsey compromise was reached on two bills enacted after 2 years of negotiations
    - SB 1417 (PA 100-0433)
    - HB 1955 (PA 100-0362), trailer bill

# Legislative History

- Consumer Electronics Recycling Act History
  - Key stakeholders included: IEPA, CTA, IL Manuf. Assoc., IL Retail Merchants Assoc., various lobbyists for IT companies, National Waste and Recycling Assoc., Peoria Disposal Company, Vintage Tech, ERI, IL Environmental Council, Env. Law & Policy Center, IRA, Will County, SWANCC, SWALCO, and IL PSC
  - Senator Althoff (R) leadership in 2017 was key to prompting compromise among the stakeholders

# Legislative History

- Consumer Electronics Recycling Act History
  - In 2018 regular legislative session amended CERA to add anti-trust protection, HB 3248 (PA 100-0592)
  - In 2018 veto session amended CERA to clarify that waste haulers can operate collection sites, HB 3550
    - Sent to Governor for final action



# Legislative History

- Consumer Electronics Recycling Act, Major Changes
  - Establishes convenience standard for year round programs, all 102 counties eligible to participate in program
  - Requires partnership with local government to operate collection sites, counties must opt into program
  - Clarifies cost sharing, collectors responsible for sorting and loading CEDs, OEMs responsible for costs once loaded
  - Establishes clearinghouse entity
  - Requires submittal of statewide plan annually

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