Joint Legislative Conservation Committee
Public Hearing on Act 108 of 2010
Covered Device Recycling Act

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About the Committee

- Legislative Service Agency
- Bipartisan and Bicameral
- 18 members
  - 9 House
  - 9 Senate
- Specialize in issues related to PA's diverse natural resources
- Chaired by Senator Scott Hutchinson
- Located in 408 Finance Building
JLCC History with E-Waste

- **October 2007** – Public hearing on state solutions to e-waste
- **December 2007** – Electronics Economic Development Forum with the PA Recycling Markets Center
- **February 2008** – Exercise with RMC in State College to simulate roles in the electronic waste supply chain
- **June 2008** – Report to the General Assembly containing recommendations and draft legislation
- **March 2016** – Public hearing on Act 108 of 2010
Quick Facts: Public Hearing on CDRA

- Held on March 21st in the Capitol East Wing
- 9 Testifiers, 13 additional comments
- Over 100 attendees
- 12 Legislative Members
- Streamed live on Senate GOP website
- Statewide media coverage
Recap of Hearing Testimony
Rep. Chris Ross, Author of the CDRA

Development of the Law
- Competing state proposals
- Gaining consensus
- Weight-based Producer Responsibility

What Went Wrong
- Changing technology
- Fluctuations in the market

Moving Forward
- Comprehensive Amendment (HB1900)
- Ongoing Dialogue
Mr. Ken Reisinger
Department of Environmental Protection

- Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation and Remediation
- Acknowledged Positive Results
  - 200 million pounds in 4 years
- Ongoing Challenges
- Recommendations:
  - Revise CDRA to ensure consumer access
  - “Brand name responsibility program”
  - Eliminate 85 percent coverage requirement
  - Special provisions for CRTs
Mr. Walter Alcorn
Consumer Technology Association

- CTA represents over 2,000 electronics manufacturers nationwide
- Spends $13 to 15 million per year to comply with CDRA
- Recommendations:
  - Maintain ability to select recycling vendors
  - Surplus Covered Device Clearinghouse (HB1900)
  - Account for declining weight; 67% since 2009
Mr. Ned Eldridge
E-Loop LLC

- Represents one of the largest e-waste recyclers in western PA
- Recently withdrew from the CDRA program due to market concerns
- Concerns about weight-based model
- Recommendations:
  - County-level bidding process paid by manufacturers
  - Short-term fix is to let recyclers charge a fee for collection to reduce surplus
Offered testimony from where “the rubber meets the road”

Elk is only public recycling outlet within a 7-county area

York suspended program due to “lack of manufacturer support”

Recommendations:
- Temporarily lift disposal ban on CRTs
- Match manufacturer obligation to consumer demand
- Promulgate regulations for amended CDRA
Ms. Shannon Reiter
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

- Shannon discussed the presence of e-waste in illegal dump sites
- KPB has recycled more than 3 million pounds of electronics to date
- As recycling market shrinks, more electronics end up in illegal dump sites
- Recommendations:
  - Make recycling more convenient in rural areas
  - Public education on CDRA
  - Make an emotional connection with the public
Mr. Bob Bylone & Ms. Michele Nestor
PA Recycling Markets Center

- Holistic view of CDRA challenges
- RMC has offered 28 e-waste industry-driven programs with ~2,000 attendees
- Recommendations:
  - Number of outlets based on population and/or distance
  - Collectors, recyclers and processors fare better under return share models
  - OEM market share coupled with a bid process and disbursement system
  - Simple mechanisms for registration, fees, and reporting
Moving Forward...

- Several proposals have been offered
  - HB 1916 (D. Miller)
  - Ongoing discussions in the Senate
- JLCC will continue to provide info and facilitate discussions
- Seeking balance
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