
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1341 (Cabaldon) - Beverage containers: wine and distilled spirits: processing fees

Version: April 28, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E.Q. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would authorize the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to decrease the processing fee on box, bladder, pouch, or similar containers for wine or distilled spirits under the Beverage Container Recycling Program (BCRP).

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026**

Fiscal Impact:

- Forgone revenues of an unknown amount (Beverage Container Recycling Fund [BCRF]) due to the manufacturers of wine and distilled spirits sold in boxes, bladders, and pouches paying a lower processing fee on those containers than they otherwise would have paid.
- CalRecycle costs would likely be minor and absorbable.

Committee Amendments: Replace the floor for processing fees with intent language specifying it is the intent of the Legislature that CalRecycle do both of the following in calculating the processing fee for CRV-eligible box, bladder, pouch, or similar containers:

1. Establish the processing fee at a level that does not impose an economic burden on beverage manufacturers of such containers;
2. Generate sufficient funds to make processing payments to a statistically significant sample of recyclers in a manner consistent with this section.

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