

SB 18-045



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REPEAL PAINTCARE PROGRAM

COLORADO'S PAINTCARE PROGRAM IS IN JEOPARDY

SB 18-045: YOUR "NO" VOTE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED

In 2014, the Colorado General Assembly passed the Architectural Paint Stewardship Act that added a fee for recycling paint to its purchase price. The fee ranges from .35/pint to \$1.60/five gallons. The fee is used by PaintCare, a nonprofit organization set up by paint manufacturers, to create free paint recycling sites across the state. This greatly reduced the costs to local governments who were previously using taxpayer money to fund programs. The cost of properly disposing of and recycling the paint is now placed on the consumer, rather than the local taxpayer.

By repealing the Architectural Paint Stewardship Act, SB 18-045 would:

- Cost municipalities more money by eliminating the current funding mechanism for recycling paint, potentially more than \$6.8 million per year.
- Increase illegal dumping of paint and other hazardous materials, and increase cities and towns costs for cleaning up these materials.
- Reduce or eliminate convenient recycling options for residents. Rural towns would be the hardest hit since these areas lack the tax base to support paint recycling programs with costs upward of \$120,000 per year.
- Increase the likelihood of groundwater contamination – one gallon of latex paint can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water.

**The Architectural Paint Stewardship Act is Good Government by saving taxpayer money.
Please Vote "No" on SB 18-045.**

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