Product Stewardship 101

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What is Product Stewardship?

“Product Stewardship" is a principle that directs all those involved in the life cycle of a product to take shared responsibility for reducing the health and environmental impacts that result from the production, use, and end-of-life management of that product.
PSI Principles of Product Stewardship (2001)

- Cost internalization
- Shared responsibility (manufacturers have greatest role to play – producer responsibility)
- Flexibility for manufacturers
- Lifecycle costs
- Performance goals
State EPR Laws 2004
Example: Paint

• 1st law in Oregon
• Stakeholder consensus on roles
  – Manufacturers
  – Retailers
  – Customers
  – Local gov’t
  – State gov’t
  – Federal gov’t
• CA, CT, VT, IA, SC, ?
Federal Legislation to Amend CSA

- HR 1191 (Inslee, D-WA)
- S 1336 (Murray, D-WA)
  - More prescriptive
  - Wide range of people able to access disposal
  - Specifies multiple options (5, must meet different criteria)
  - 20+ co-sponsors
Federal Legislation to Amend CSA

- HR 1359 (Stupak, D-MI)
- S 1292 (Klobuchar, D-MN)
  - Less prescriptive
  - Supported by DEA
  - Options available for ultimate user and long term care facilities
  - Unclear what regulations would look like
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