

State-by-State Comparison: Packaging EPR Legislation Across the US

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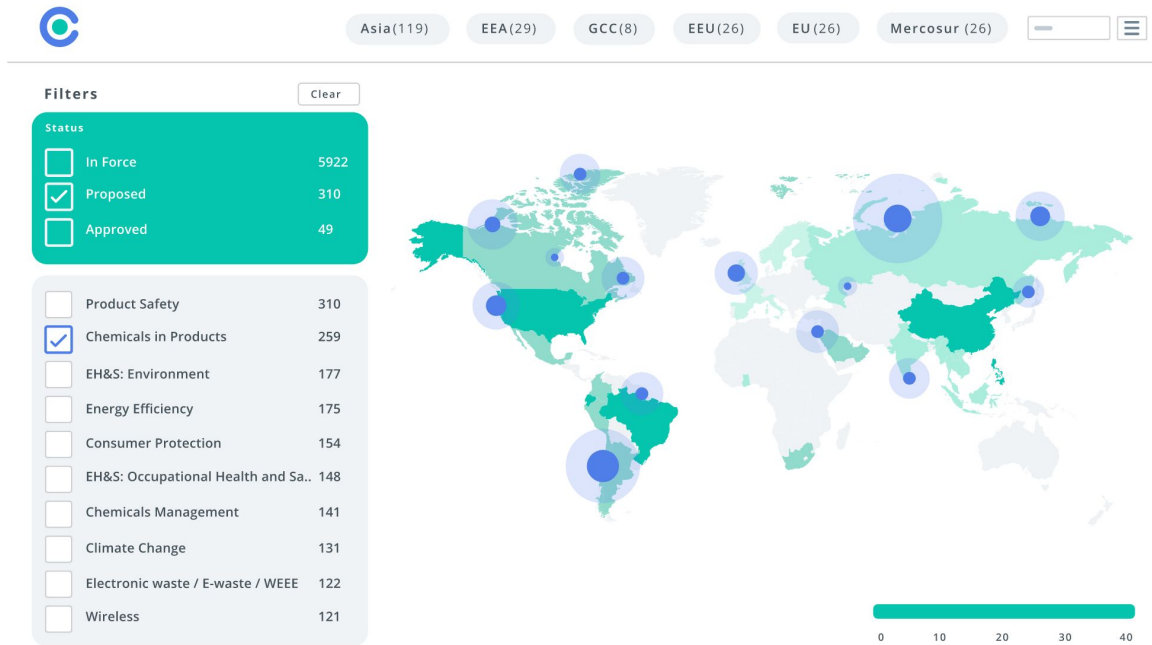
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03. Introduction

As concerns over packaging waste and plastic pollution increase, more US states are turning to extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation as a solution.

Currently, seven states have enacted packaging EPR laws, while others are actively considering or advancing new proposals. Some states are conducting needs assessments, while others are preparing related measures.

For producers, brand owners, and packaging manufacturers operating nationally, this patchwork of state-level activity creates legislative complexity.

This comparison chart provides an overview of US packaging EPR activity, highlighting the evolving nature of this legislative landscape. It shows where legislation has been enacted, proposed, or remains absent, and outlines the scope of covered packaging materials and legislative approaches adopted to date.

04. US State Comparison Chart: Packaging

State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
Alabama	Nothing relevant			
Alaska	Nothing relevant			
Arizona	Nothing relevant			
Arkansas	Nothing relevant			
California	Senate Bill 54	Enacted (effective January 2023)	Single-use packaging and plastic food service items (incl. plastic-coated or plastic-added paper/paperboard and multilayer materials) used for containment, protection, or delivery of products.	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Colorado	House Bill 22-1355	Enacted (effective August 2022)	Single or short-term use packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or serve products. Paper products such as flyers, brochures, catalogs, newspapers, magazines, and writing paper.	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Connecticut	Nothing relevant			
Delaware	Nothing relevant			
Florida	Nothing relevant			
Georgia	Nothing relevant			

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State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
Hawaii	House Bill 750	Enacted (effective July 2025)	<p>Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or serve products.</p> <p>Paper products primarily made from wood pulp or other cellulosic fibers, such as office paper, magazines, newspapers, and junk mail.</p>	Requires a statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted for packaging and paper products, to inform a future EPR program.
	House Bill 1264	Proposed (January 2025)	All packaging components (primary, secondary, tertiary, service, and beverage containers), regardless of recyclability, used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
Idaho	Nothing relevant			
Illinois	Senate Bill 1555	Enacted (effective July 2023)	Single or short-term use packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or serve products.	Requires a statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted for packaging, to inform a future EPR program.
	House Bill 4064	Proposed (May 2025)	<p>Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or serve products.</p> <p>Paper products such as office paper, magazines, newspapers, and junk mail.</p>	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
Indiana	Nothing relevant			
Iowa	Nothing relevant			
Kansas	Nothing relevant			
Kentucky	Nothing relevant			

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State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
Louisiana	Nothing relevant			
Maine	Legislative Document 1541	Enacted (effective October 2021)	Packaging materials used to contain, protect, deliver, or present products, including those sold online, at the point of sale or delivery.	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Maryland	Senate Bill 222	Enacted (effective July 2023)	All packaging components (primary, secondary, tertiary, service, and beverage containers), regardless of recyclability, used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Requires a statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted for packaging.
	Senate Bill 901	Enacted (effective June 2025)	Primary, secondary, tertiary, and service packaging, and paper products made from wood pulp or cellulosic fibers.	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Massachusetts	Senate Bill 571	Proposed (January 2025)	Packaging materials used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
Michigan	Nothing relevant			
Minnesota	House Bill 3911 (In force)	Enacted (August 2024)	<p>Packaging materials used to contain, protect, or serve products used to transport, market, protect, or handle a product.</p> <p>Paper products covers those made mainly from wood pulp or other cellulosic fibers.</p>	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Mississippi	Nothing relevant			
Missouri	Nothing relevant			

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State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
Montana	Nothing relevant			
Nebraska	Legislative Bill 607	Proposed (January 2025)	Packaging and paper products sold or supplied to consumers for personal, noncommercial use.	Proposes to establish a data collection mechanism related to EPR for packaging and paper products, that would require producers to register and annually report data on covered products.
Nevada	Nothing relevant			
New Hampshire	House Bill 1789	Proposed (January 2026)	Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
New Jersey	Senate Bill 614	Proposed (January 2026)	All packaging components (primary, secondary, tertiary, service, and beverage containers), regardless of material, used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
	Senate Bill 673	Proposed (January 2026)	All packaging components (primary, secondary, tertiary, service, and beverage containers), regardless of material, used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state. Paper products covers those made mainly from wood pulp or other cellulosic fibers.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
New Mexico	Nothing relevant			
New York	Senate Bill 1464	Proposed (January 2025)	Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.

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State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
New York	Senate Bill 5062	Proposed (February 2025)	<p>A container providing a means of marketing, protecting or handling a product and shall include a unit package, an intermediate package and a shipping container.</p> <p>Paper products covers those made mainly from wood pulp or other cellulosic fibers.</p>	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
North Carolina	Nothing relevant			
North Dakota	Nothing relevant			
Ohio	Nothing relevant			
Oklahoma	Nothing relevant			
Oregon	Senate Bill 582	Enacted (effective January 2022)	<p>Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material), single-use shopping bags, and nondurable shipping/storage items (packing materials, boxes, folders) used to contain, protect, or serve products.</p> <p>Paper products primarily made from wood pulp or other cellulosic fibers, such as newspapers, magazines, flyers, brochures, catalogs, directories, and copy/general-use paper.</p>	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
Pennsylvania	Nothing relevant			
Rhode Island	House Bill 6207	Enacted (effective June 2025)	Packaging materials and paper products.	Requires a statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted for packaging and paper products, to inform a future EPR program.

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State	Citation	Status	Packaging/Products in Scope	Summary
South Carolina	Nothing relevant			
South Dakota	Nothing relevant			
Tennessee	Senate Bill 269	Proposed (January 2025)	All packaging components (primary, secondary, tertiary, service, and beverage containers), regardless of recyclability, used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
Texas	Nothing relevant			
Utah	Nothing relevant			
Vermont	Senate Bill 139	Proposed (April 2025)	Packaging materials.	Requires a statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted for packaging, to inform a future EPR program.
Virginia	Nothing relevant			
Washington State	Senate Bill 5284	Enacted (effective July 2025)	Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, transport, serve, or facilitate delivery of a product and is sold or supplied with the product to the consumer for personal, noncommercial use.	Establishes a producer responsibility program.
West Virginia	Nothing relevant			
Wisconsin	Senate Bill 772	Proposed (December 2025)	Packaging materials (paper, plastic, glass, metal, or multi-material) used to contain, protect, or deliver products sold or distributed in the state.	Proposes to establish a producer responsibility program.
Wyoming	Nothing relevant			



05. Conclusion

Overall, this comparison chart reflects a growing but uneven landscape of state-level action on packaging EPR.

While a number of states have implemented comprehensive producer responsibility frameworks and others are advancing proposals or data-gathering measures, some remain inactive, creating legislative complexity for producers operating nationally and signaling continued momentum toward wider adoption.

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