

Support for Vermont S. 254

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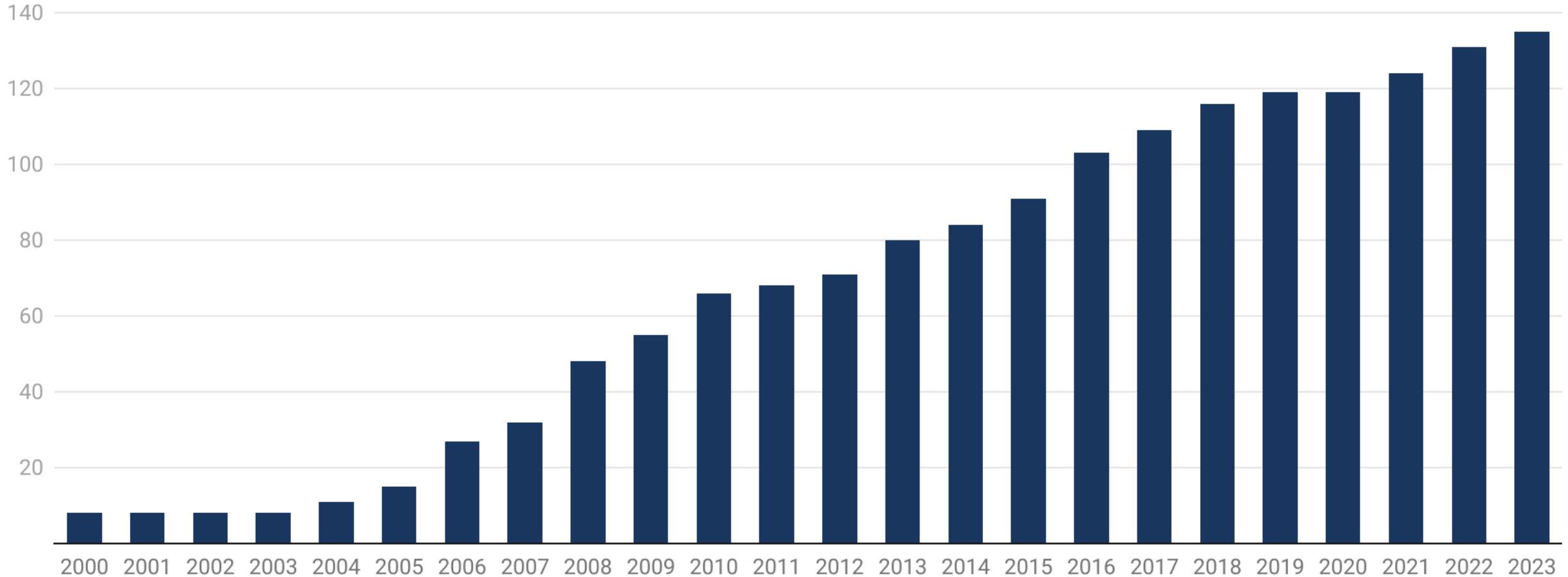
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Who is PSI?

- **National nonprofit:** 23 years
- **Focus:** EPR for consumer products and packaging
- **Members:** state & local govt's /Board of Directors
- **Partners:** business, non-profits, int'l gov'ts, academic
- **Collaborative problem solver**
- **Multi-stakeholder engagement**



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Why EPR for Batteries?

- **Growing number** of batteries are used and discarded each year and in an **expanding range of products**.
- Batteries can release **hazardous materials**, catch fire or explode.
- **Recovering** critical minerals in batteries is a high priority for both the **industry and government**.



Progress on Battery EPR

Vermont: 1st state w/primary (2014)

DC: 1st state w/rechargeable & primary (2021)

California: 1st state w/e-mobility devices + DC (2022)

Washington: 1st state w/study on large format batteries (BESS, EV, etc.) + DC and CA (2023)

New Jersey: 1st state w/EV battery EPR (2024)



Battery EPR Momentum in 2024

- **Li-ion battery fires growing:** Besides the direct hazard and cost of battery fires, their frequency is drawing the attention of insurance providers.
- **Industry/Coalition Support:** PRBA and Call2Recycle join PSI Government members monthly calls.
- **Existing battery EPR model (PSI)**
- **EU:** Implementation of Revised Battery Regulation is creating momentum in US.



S. 254

- **Expand VT's existing law:** VT's current program is successful, but it does not cover rechargeable batteries.
 - S. 254 includes rechargeable batteries.
 - Requires rechargeable battery manufacturers to pay their share.
- **S. 254 Contains EPR Best Practices**
 - Producer created program plan
 - Convenience standards for collection
 - Performance goals
 - Funding for outreach/education
 - Annual reporting
 - Covers administrative costs