Expanding Vermont's Bottle Bill

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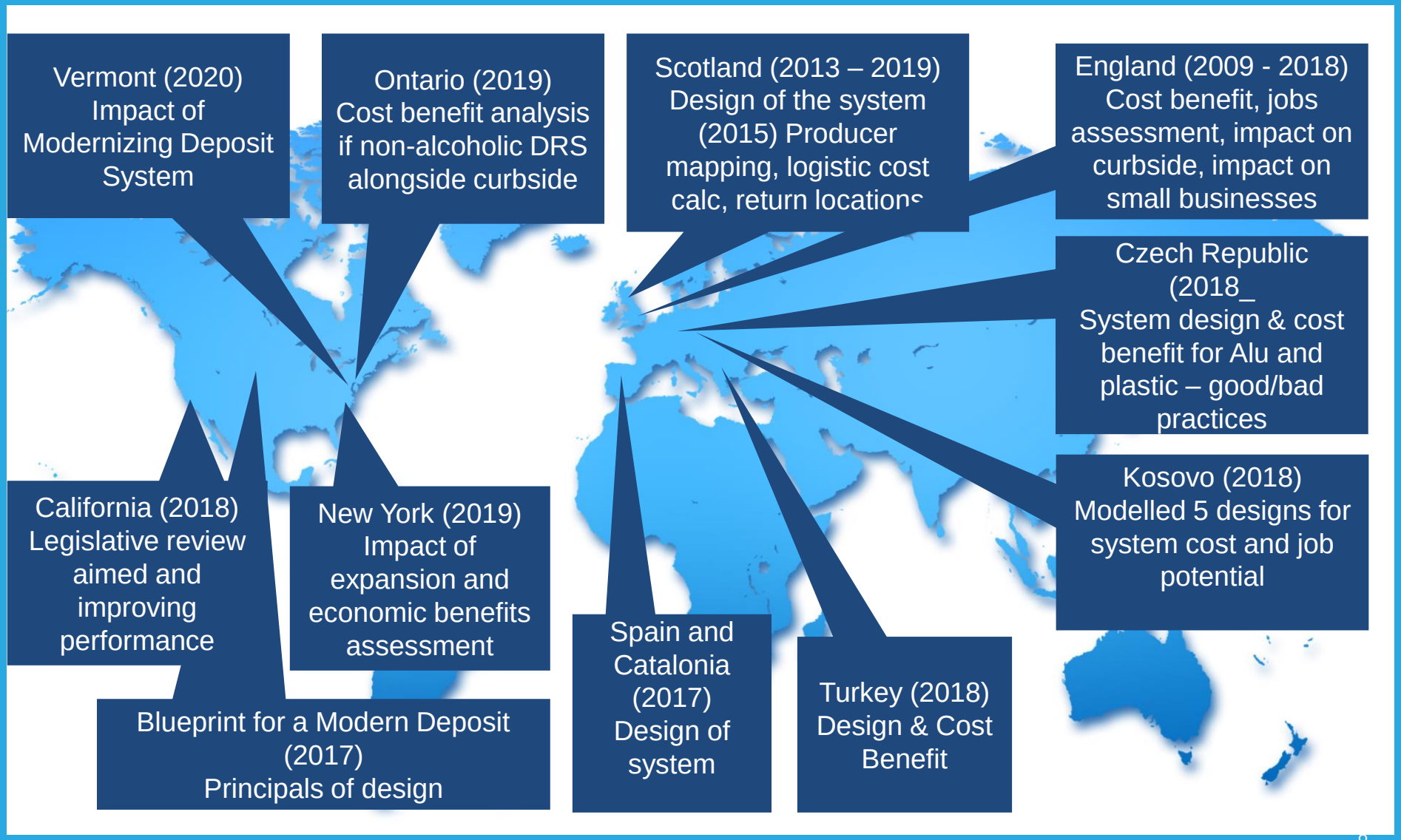

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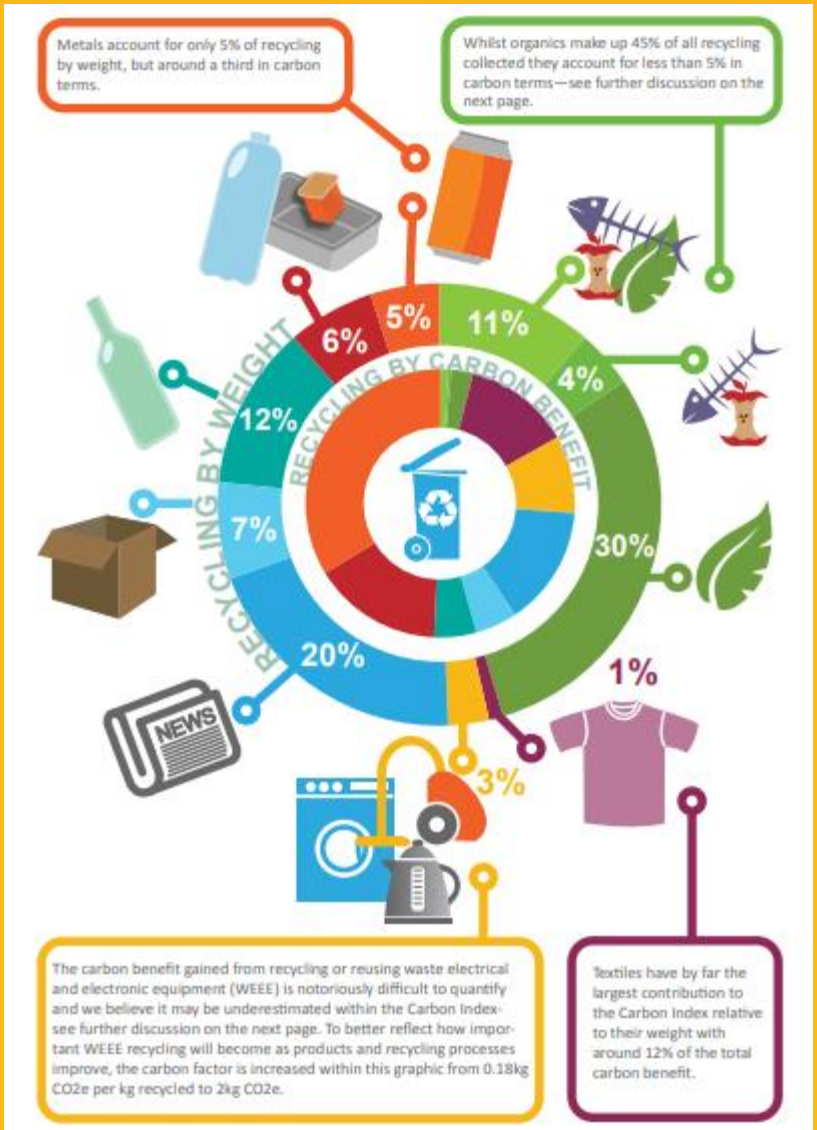
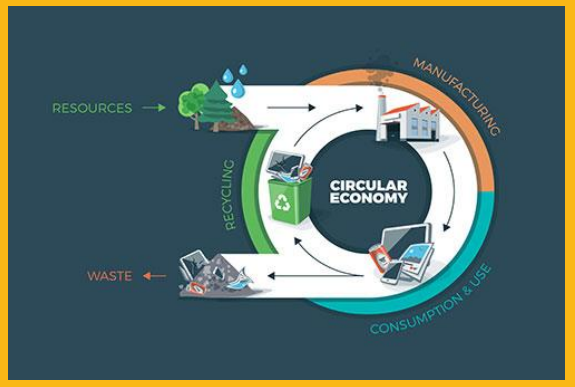
Recycling & the Circular Economy





- **Principles:**
  - **Keep products and materials in use - closed loop**
  - **Maintain quality to enable continuous recycling**
  - **Not just about diversion - reducing GHG associated with use of primary materials**
- **Goal: Resource management system that delivers the above**

*Source: Ellen McArthur Foundation

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Concerns with Expansion

- **Considers only impact on recycling not on waste to landfill**
- **Does not look at system goal and how to cost effectively meet the CE goal**
- **Considers only cost not wider environmental impact**
- **Does not consider how lost material could be offset with collection of other material**

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Real Financial Impact

- **Landfill savings: proportionally more material moves from trash stream than recycling stream**
- **Glass limited markets for curbside glass – not the case for deposit glass**
- **Reduced MRF processing fees**
- **Potential collection efficiencies – route optimization**
- **Up to 90% reduction in beverage litter**

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Real Environmental Impact

- **Material loss at curbside BUT more material recycled**
- **Increased quality = Closed loop recycling and marketable glass**
- **Reduced litter**
  - **Land and marine**
  - **Public amenity**
- **GHG savings**
  - **Replacement of virgin material**
  - **Closed loop**
  - **Landfill reduction**
- **Ability to capture more material - HDPE**

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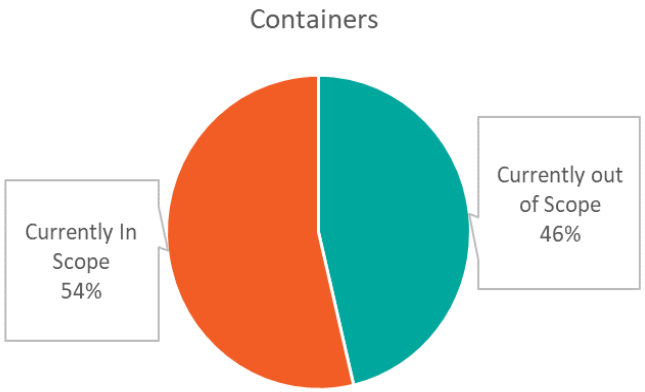
	Current System	Future System
Deposit		
Scope	Carbonated soft drinks Beer Spirits Sparkling water	Current + Water Wine + Hard cider Sports/energy/fruit/ tea & coffee drinks
Redemption rate for beverage containers	**75%**	**90%**



Analysis: Consider the economic and environmental impact on MRF operators, haulers and ultimately households of future system

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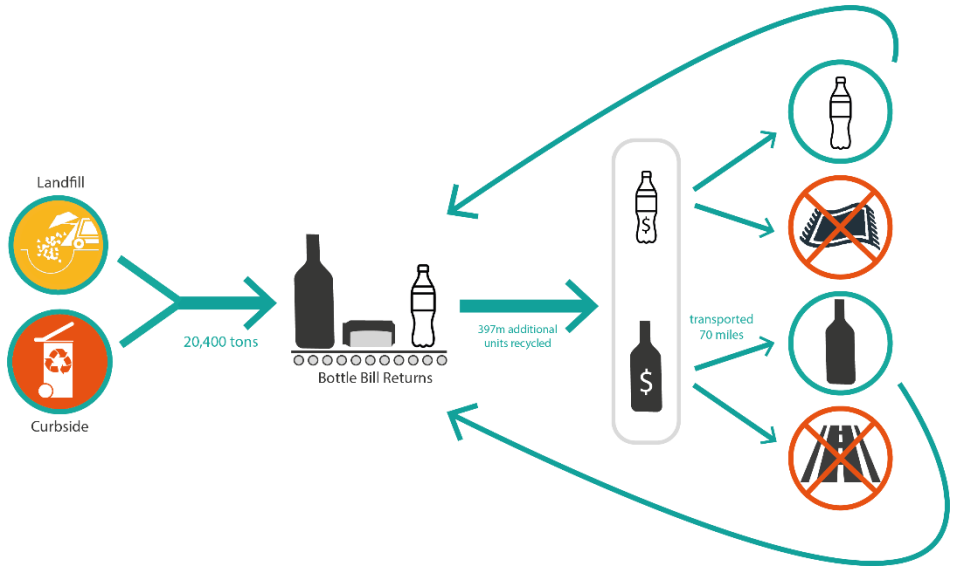
More Closed Loop Recycling



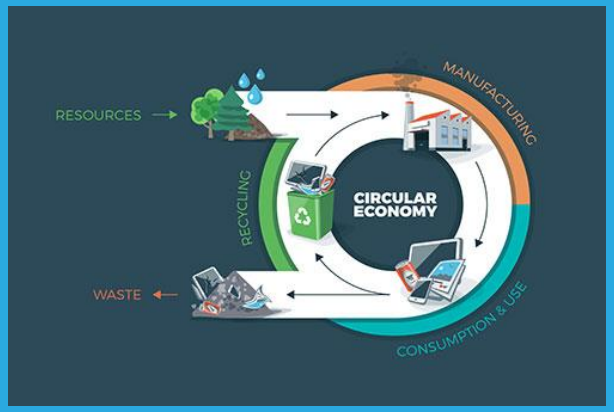
How to be Top Recycling State

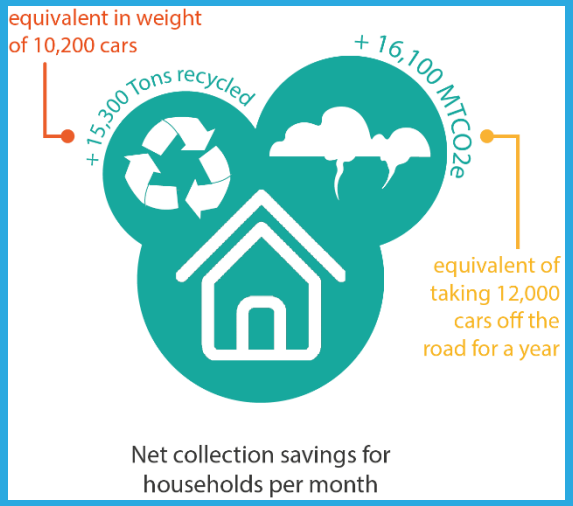
State	Extensive Curb Assess	Deposit with Full Scope & 10c Deposit
1. Maine – Full Scope	Yes	Full scope 15c and 5c
2. Oregon	Yes	Full scope and 10c
5. Vermont	Yes	Neither

Cost Mitigation

- **Landfill savings: $120/ton**
- **Processing and end of life management savings for glass: $96/ton (excludes collection cost savings**

Key Take - Aways





- Reduced material to landfill and associated disposal costs mitigates material loss
- Allows for curbside collection efficiencies due to reduced volume
- Taking a systems approach to achieving a CE
  - Supports curbside recycling
  - Cost effective mechanisms for achieving high diversion and recycling rates
  - Maintains material in use through closed loop recycling - maximum GHG reduction benefits
- Better Together – Curbside + Optimal Deposit
- Mitigate impact of MRFS through transitional support

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