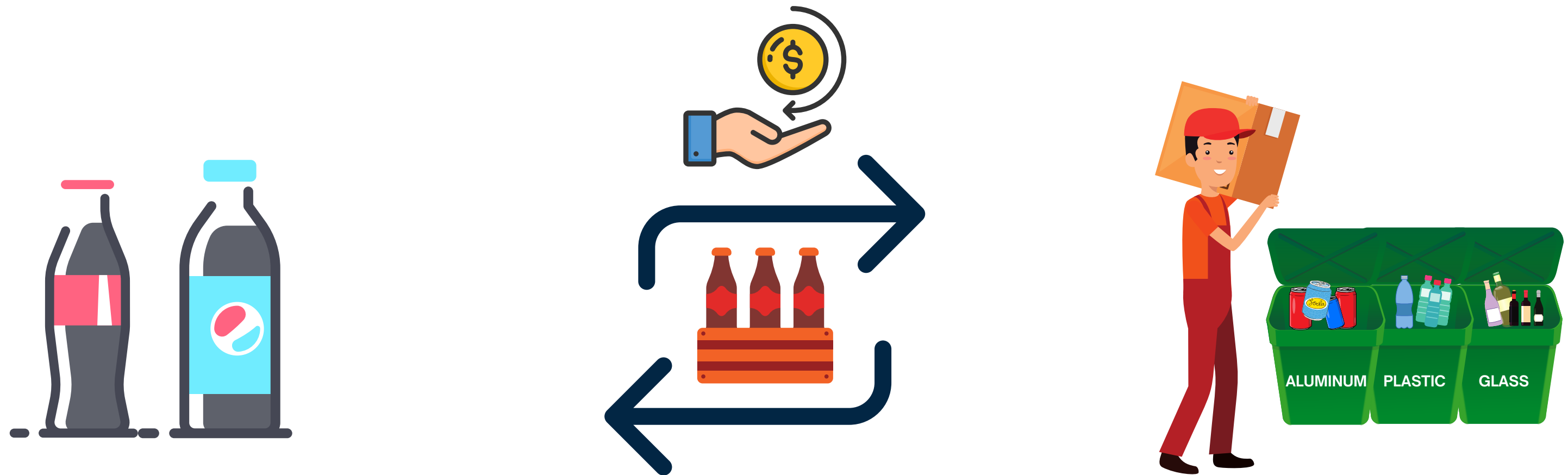




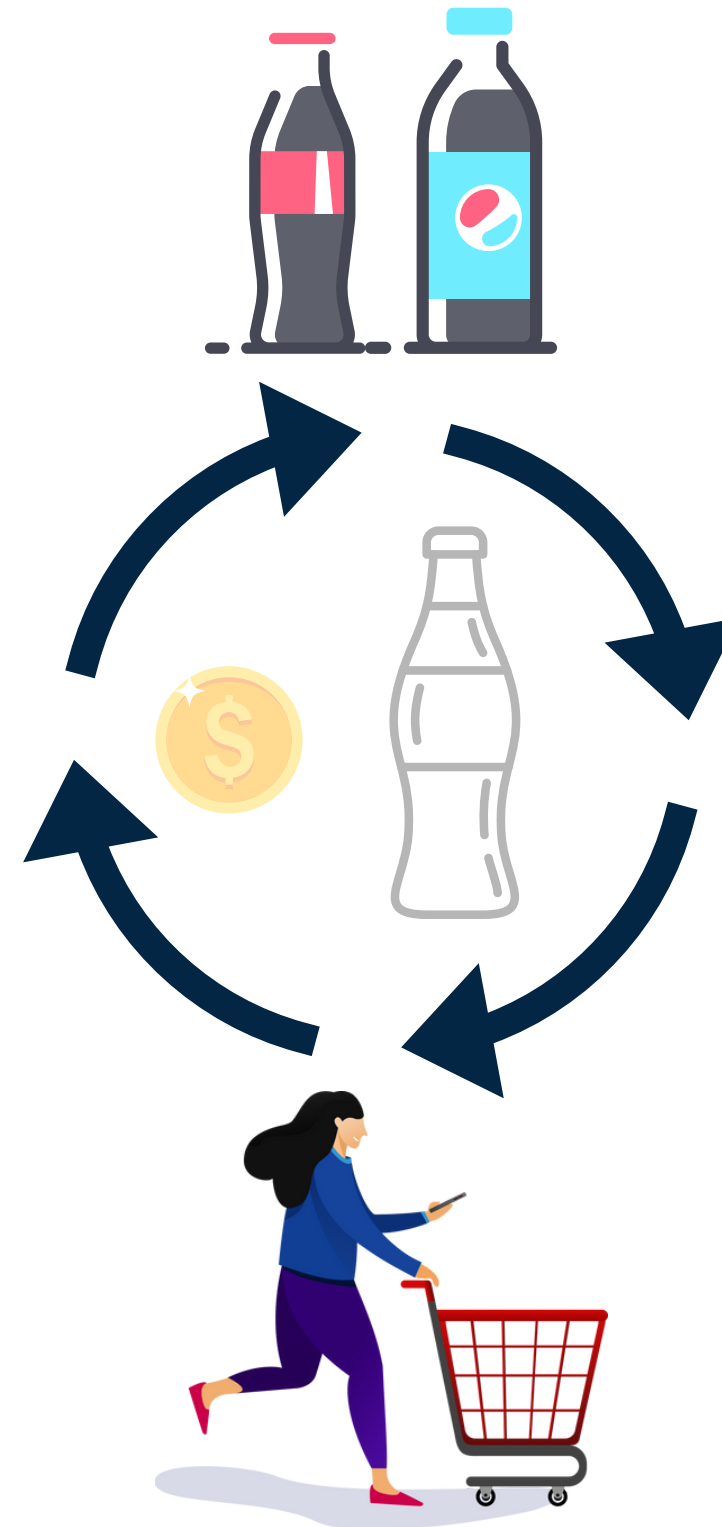
How the nickel moves



The manufacturer/distributor, who has been holding on to the five cent deposit since selling the beverage, pays the five cent deposit to the redemption center/retailer. The redemption center is made whole.



The deposit passed circularly through the system





Handling fee



The manufacturer/distributor pays a separate "handling fee" to the redemption center/retailer: 3.5 or 4 cents per container, depending on whether the brand is in a commingling agreement. This is how redemption centers are funded.



Stakeholders



REDEMPTION CENTERS



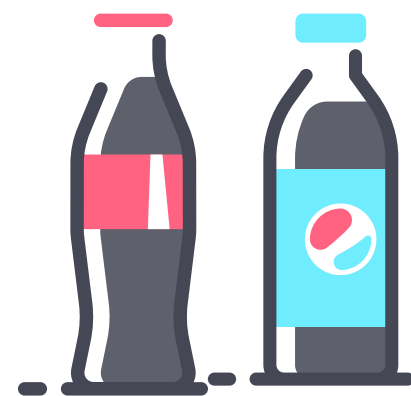
MOM AND POP GROCERS



SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS



VERMONT CONSUMERS



THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY



SINGLE STREAM CENTERS (MRFS)



Producer Responsibility Organization





Redemption Centers

Provisions in H.158

- Increases the handling fee 1 cent for non-commingled containers
- Increases the volume of containers handled
- Increases worker efficiency by eliminating brand-sorting
- Ensures materials are picked up from redemption centers on a timely basis



There is a ceiling to what I can pay my workers...The only way we can make more money in redemption is to increase our volume (of containers)

Jacob Trombley
Owner of 5 Vermont Redemption Centers
VTDigger, Dec 2022





Grocers

Provisions in H.158

- Addressed in previous slide
- PRO must: consult with stakeholders on the development of the plan...
 - Add: specify large participating retailers in stakeholder group
- Retailers under 5,000 sq ft will be exempted. Small and medium retailers.





Consumers

Provisions in H.158

- **H.158 creates convenience standards that the PRO must adhere to including:**
 - **at least 3 redemption centers per county**
 - **at least 1 redemption center per population of 7,000 or more**
 - **redemption centers in dense areas**





MRFs, Solid Waste Districts

Provisions in H.158

- Includes wine in expansion
- MRFs are able to increase their tip fees to cover lost revenue. This has been characterized as an "increased cost of recycling to Vermonters," but lower recycling volume from diversion of glass will bring down costs for Vermonters.





House amendments

- **Timeline for expansion moved to 2027**
- **Study language added**
- **Changed the distribution of the money between the PRO and Clean Water Fund**
- **Deposit escalator/trigger**





VPIRG proposed amendments

- Timeline for expansion should return to 2026
- Additional convenience standards for large, chain retailers
- Money for Redemption Centers to make technological upgrades





In closing

**Thank
you.**

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