

The Recycling Reform Act

What cities need to know

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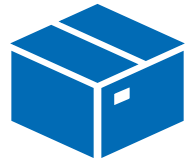
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Chapter 70A.208 RCW



Extended Producer Responsibility Program



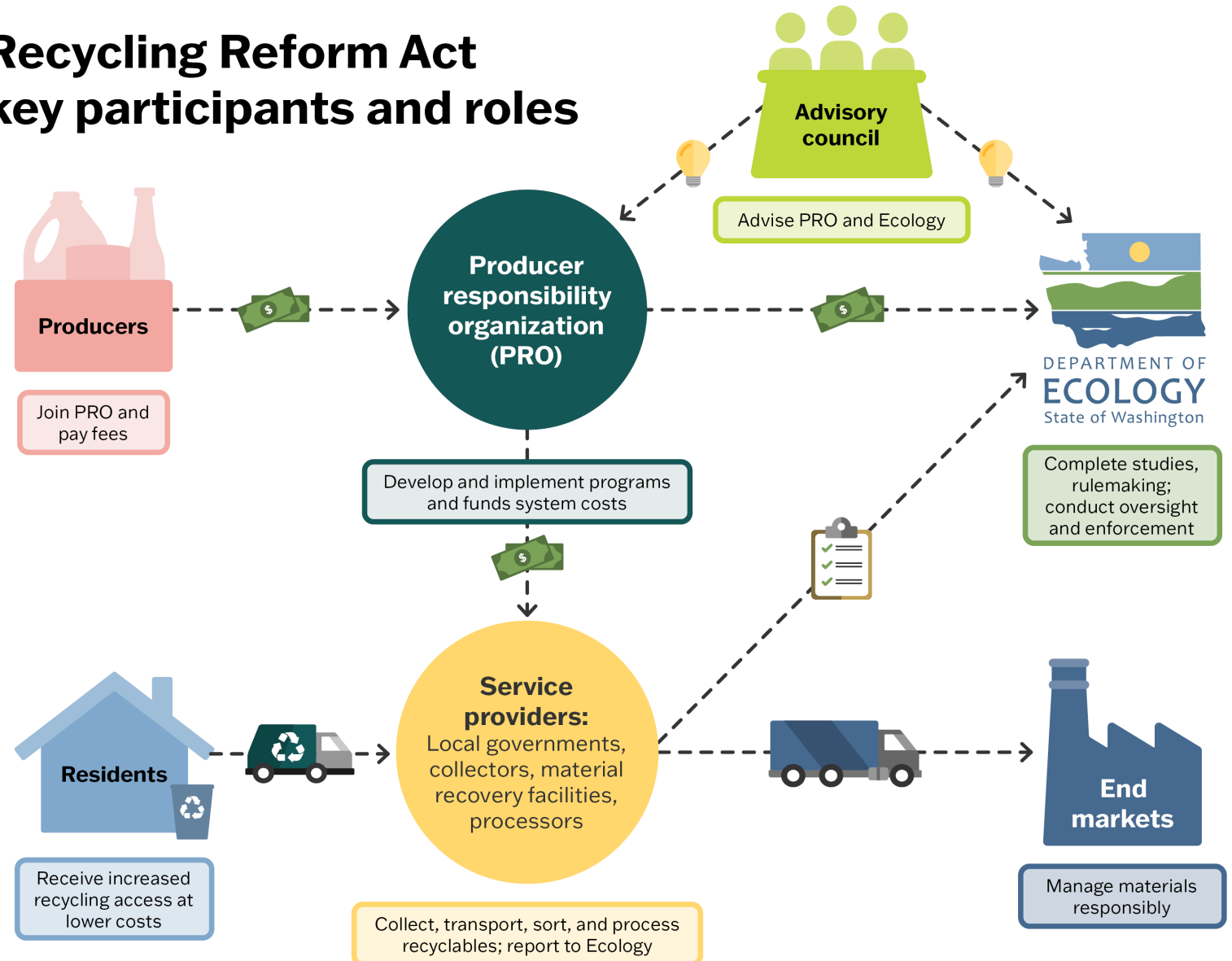
Covers packaging & paper products



Residential & public place recycling

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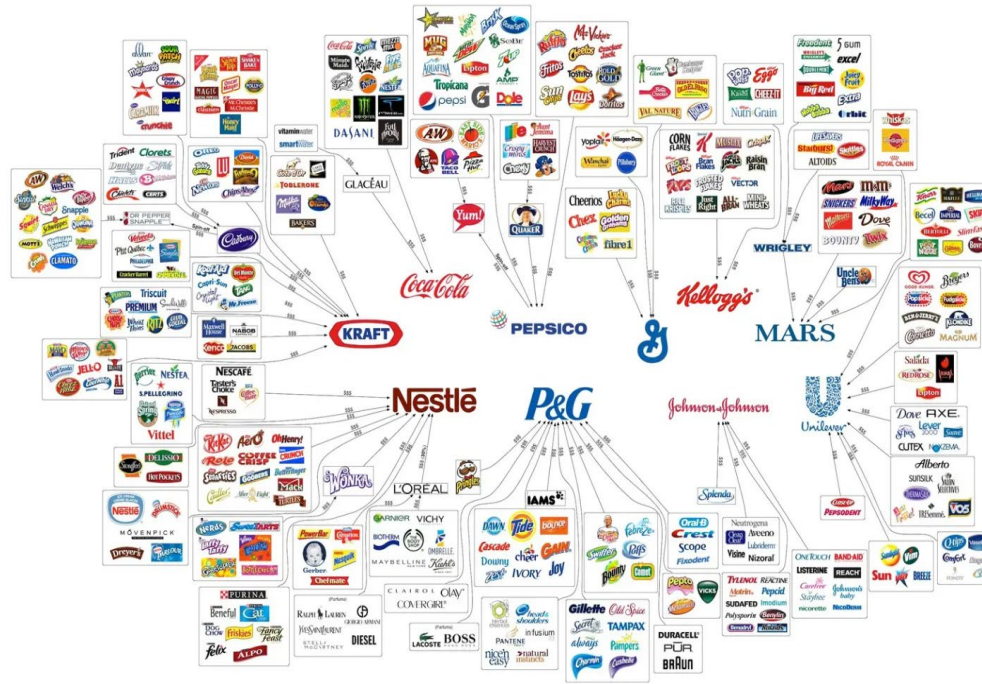


Who is a producer?

Hardware



Grocery and personal care



Apparel



Pet food



Toys and games



Electronics

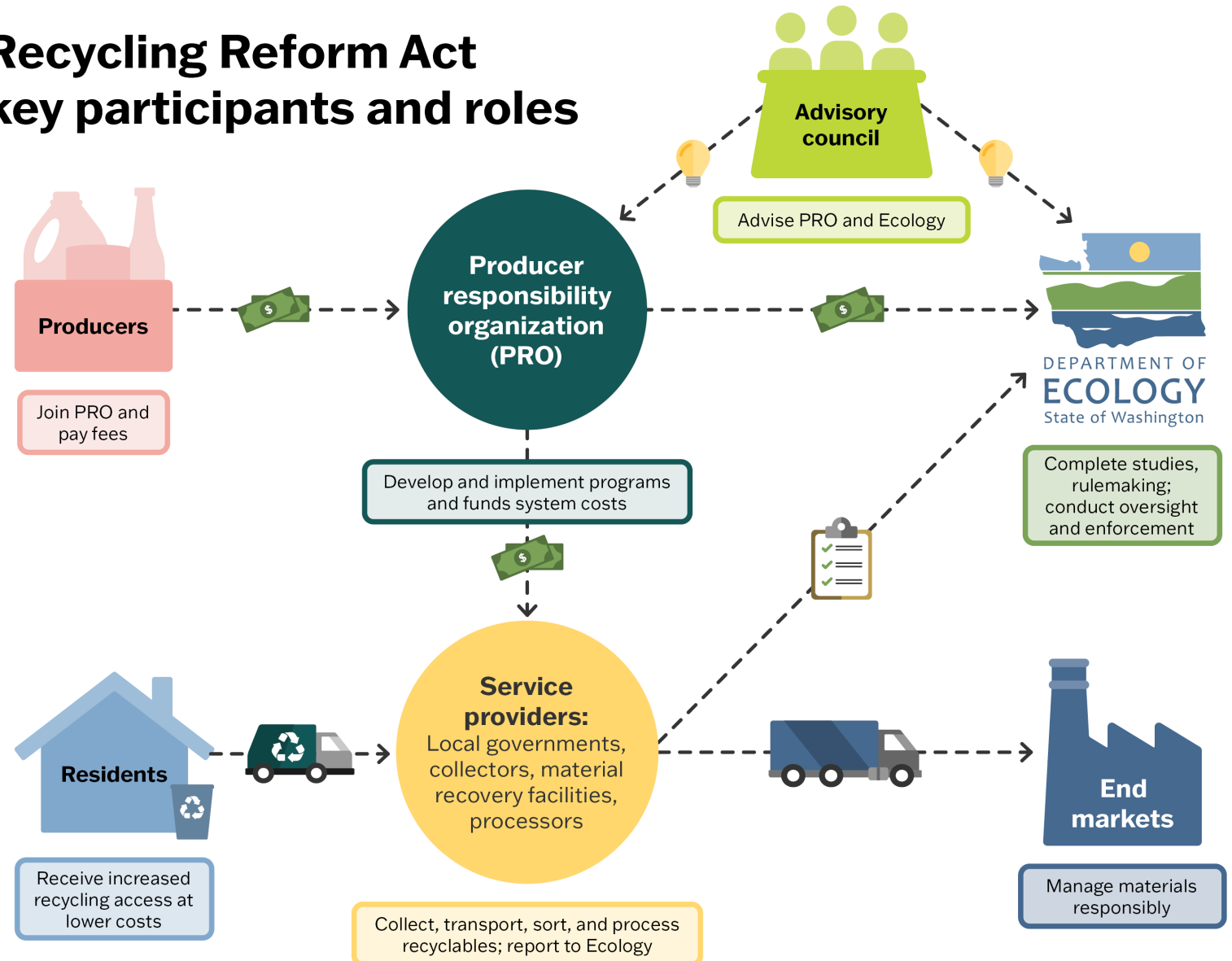


Appliances



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Advisory Council



Consult, review, and comment on:

- Development of statewide collection lists
- The needs assessments
- Draft PRO plans or amendments
- Administering the reuse financial assistance program
- Proposed statewide performance target requirements
- Submitted PRO annual reports



Advisory Council

Megan Daum, American Beverage Association

Danielle Waterfield, AMERIPEN

Casey Bouchard, Methow Recycles

Jeff Zillich, WM

Rick Vahl, Waste Connections

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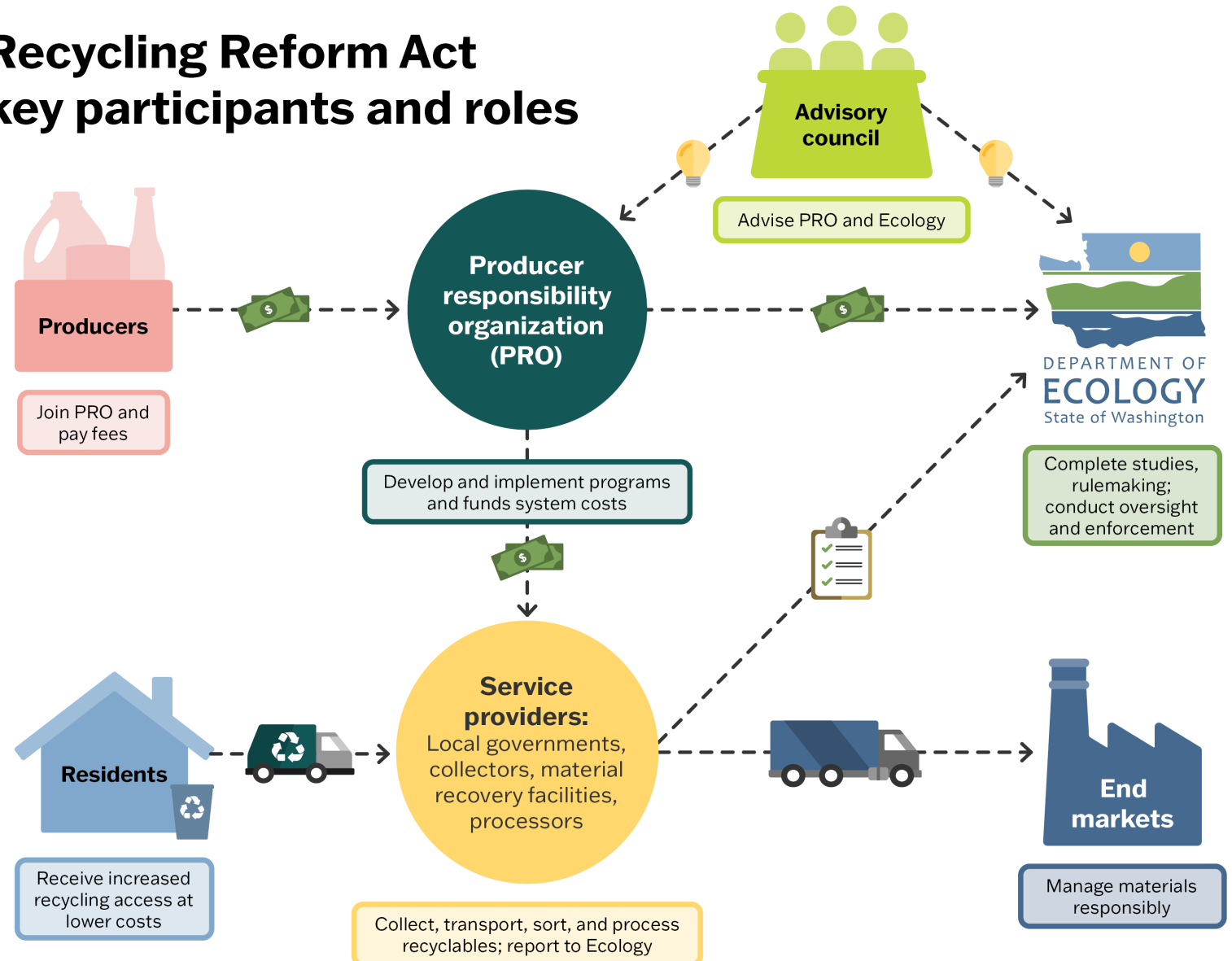
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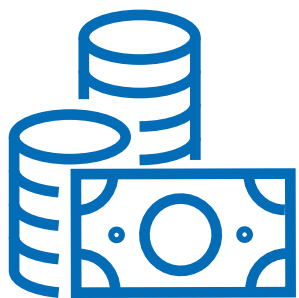
Service providers

Who is a service provider?

- Entity that provides covered services for covered materials to covered entities
- Government entity that provides, contracts, or arranges for covered services, including:
 - Curbside collections
 - Transfer stations or other drop-off sites
 - Public place bins
 - Resident education & outreach

Service provider obligations

- Register with Ecology ASAP
- Work with the PRO during startup
- Submit invoices to the PRO
- Meet performance standards
- Ensure materials go to responsible markets
- Document materials managed
- Display savings to customers



Contracting considerations

- Reimbursements will be provided at rates established in PRO plan. Reimbursements *should* be based on net costs but will depend on cost data reported via annual service provider registration—cities *need to report accurately & comprehensively on costs*.
- Service providers are only entitled to reimbursements if they meet performance standards established in the PRO plan.
- Cities will secure more favorable terms if they work together through negotiations.

An important note on city authority

It doesn't change.....

Option 1: City provides collection service

Option 2: City contracts with other local government

Option 3: City contracts with private hauler but controls billing and rates

Option 4: City contracts with private hauler but city controls rates

Option 5: City licenses or franchises to private hauler

Option 6: City opts out and UTC sets rates and service area

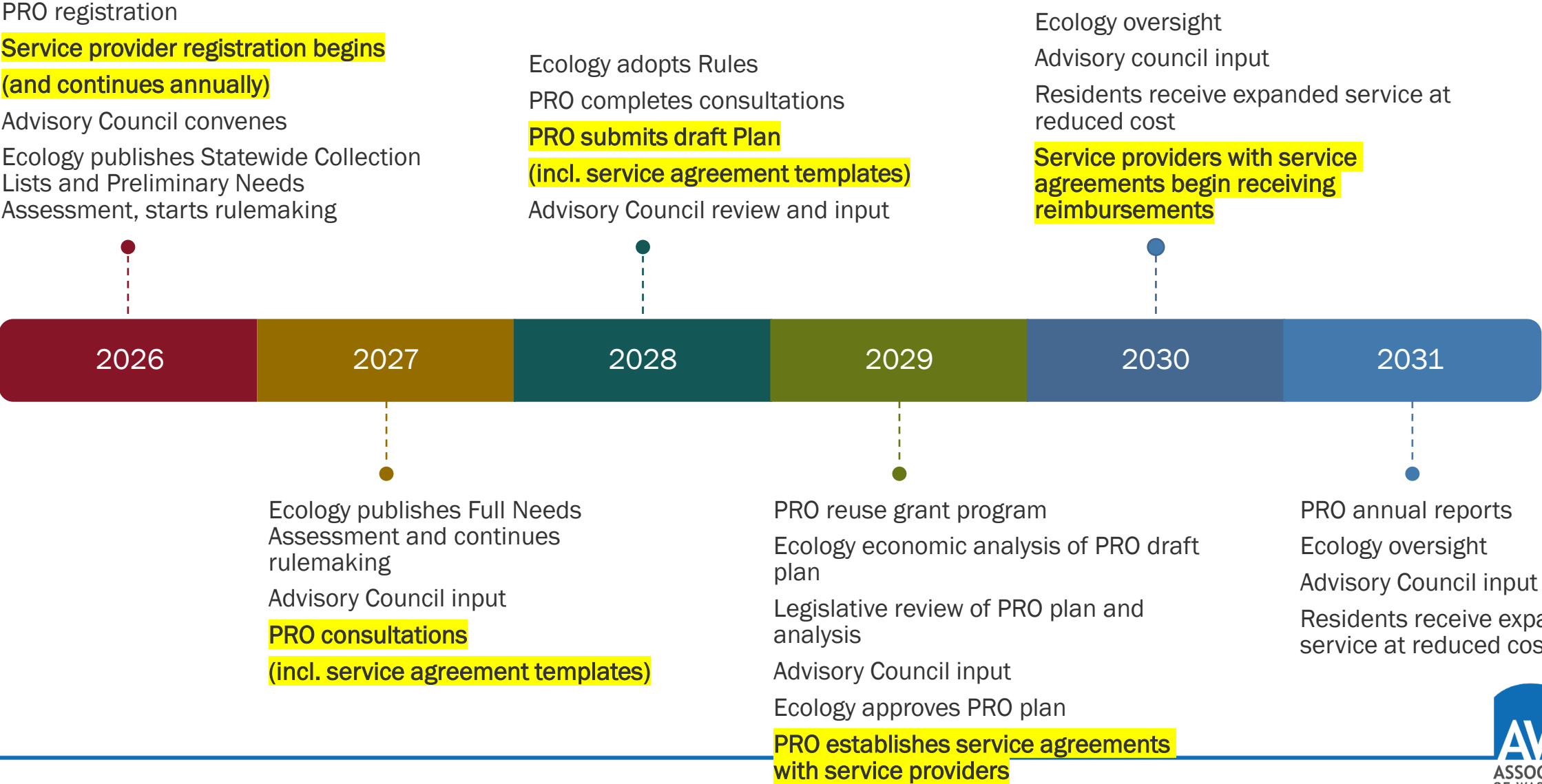
...unless you want it to.

Recycling Reform Act timeline

Program begins!

PRO program implementation
Ecology oversight
Advisory council input
Residents receive expanded service at reduced cost

Service providers with service agreements begin receiving reimbursements



Staying informed and engaged



Service provider registration

- It's not too late – register!
- Report comprehensively on costs



Collaborate on draft service agreement template

- Work together to comment and discuss city feedback with the PRO
- AWC can play a convening role, if desired



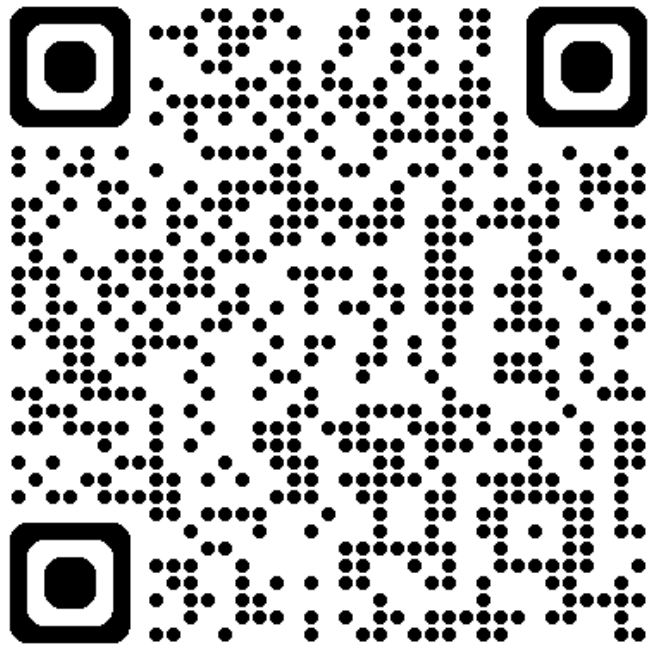
Review and Comment

- PRO Draft program Plan
- Need assessment

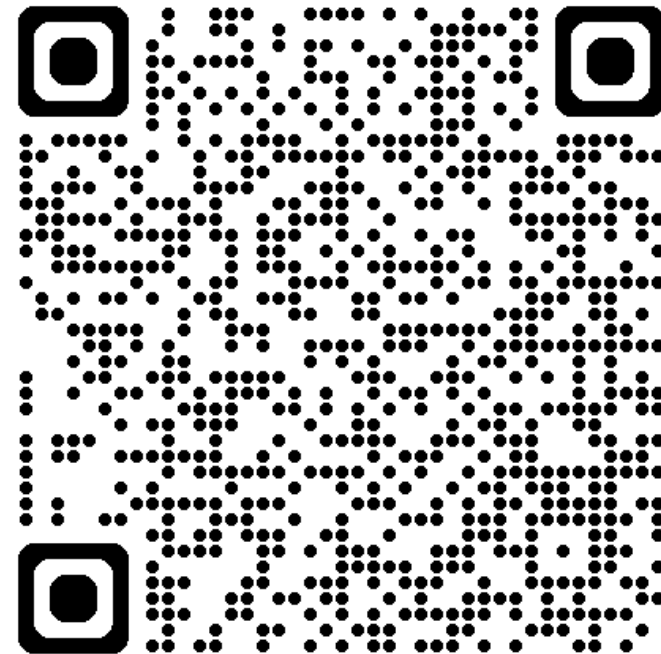


Recycling Reform Act resources

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Email the Ecology team: RecyclingReform@ecy.wa.gov

