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Senate Bill 790 (Substitute S-4 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would add Part 173 to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish the Recycling Advisory Council within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In part, the Council would have to do the following:

- Study and report to the Legislature on the costs associated with, and sources of funding for, new and existing recycling and waste diversion programs.
- Establish goals for the diversion of waste from landfills in the State.
- Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of expanding the scope of the beverage container deposit law.
- Recommend to the Legislature changes to the State's comprehensive recycling plan, tax incentives to encourage recycling, and measures to foster the development of markets for recycled materials, among other recommendations.

The Recycling Advisory Council would consist of the DEQ Director, or his or her designee; five members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader; five members appointed by the Speaker of the House; and four members appointed by the Governor. Appointed council members would have to represent each of the following: a beverage dealers' organization; a statewide business organization; a recycling business; a statewide bottlers' organization; a statewide conservation organization; a beverage distributors' organization; a manufacturer that uses raw material consisting primarily of recycled material; an organization of townships; an organization of cities and villages; a statewide environmental organization; county government; an officer or employee of a local unit of government responsible for recycling in that local unit; and the public at large.

Proposed MCL 324.17301-324.17303

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would create the Recycling Advisory Council to review the State comprehensive recycling plan and develop the market for goods made from recycled materials. It also would require the Council to create a subcouncil to monitor a pilot program of regional beverage container redemption centers. The Council members would serve without compensation. The Department of Environmental Quality could incur expenses for providing staff services to the Council. No funding is provided to support these costs. If the recommendations of the Council on sources of funding were enacted, then that revenue could pay for Department expenses.

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