

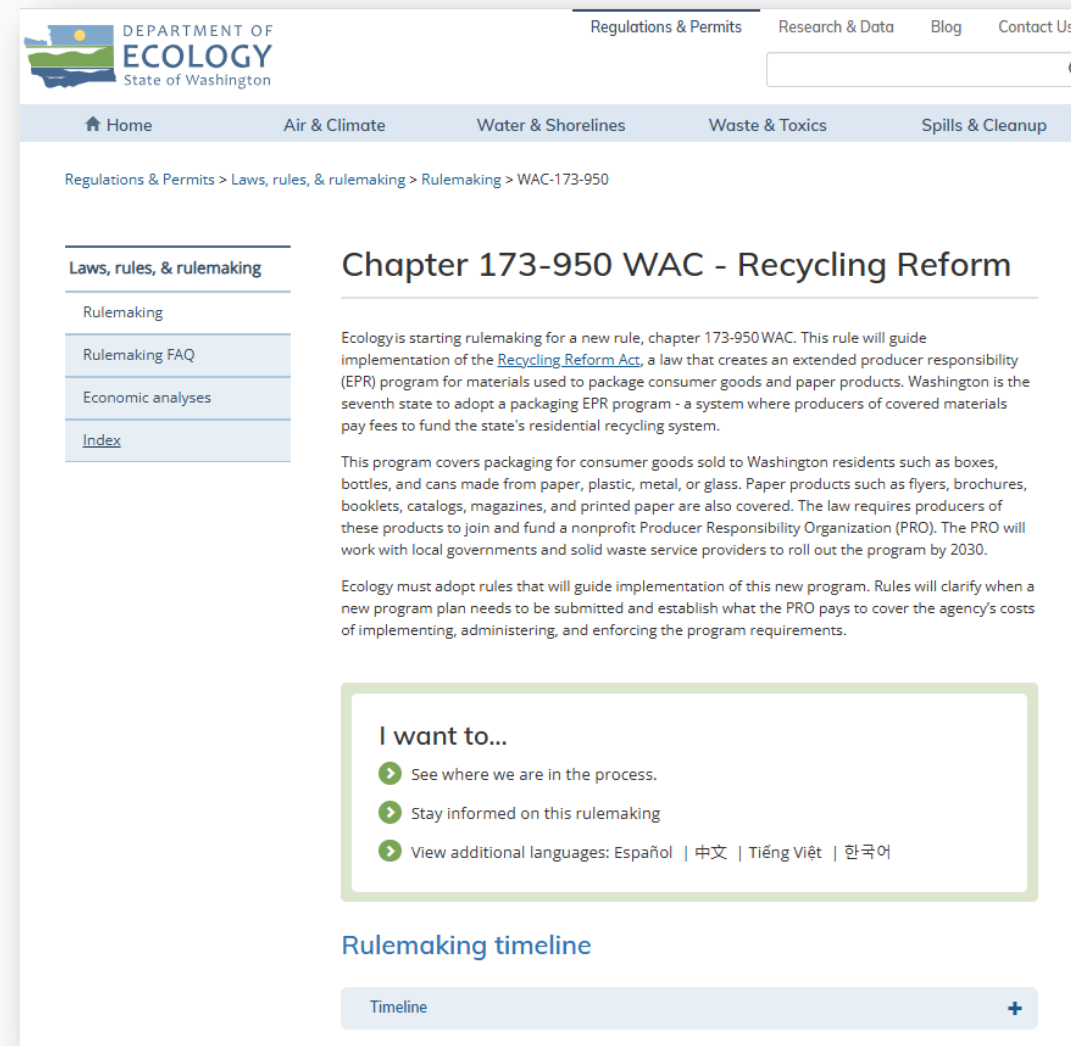
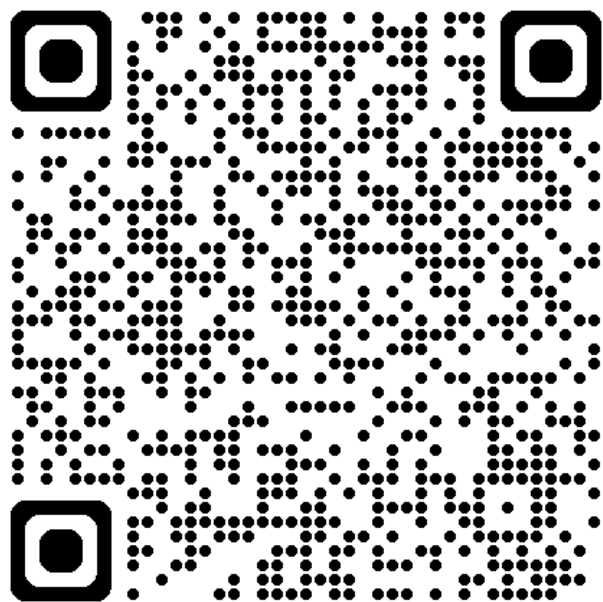
Recycling Reform Act

Ecology Updates

Advisory Council Meeting – September 17, 2026

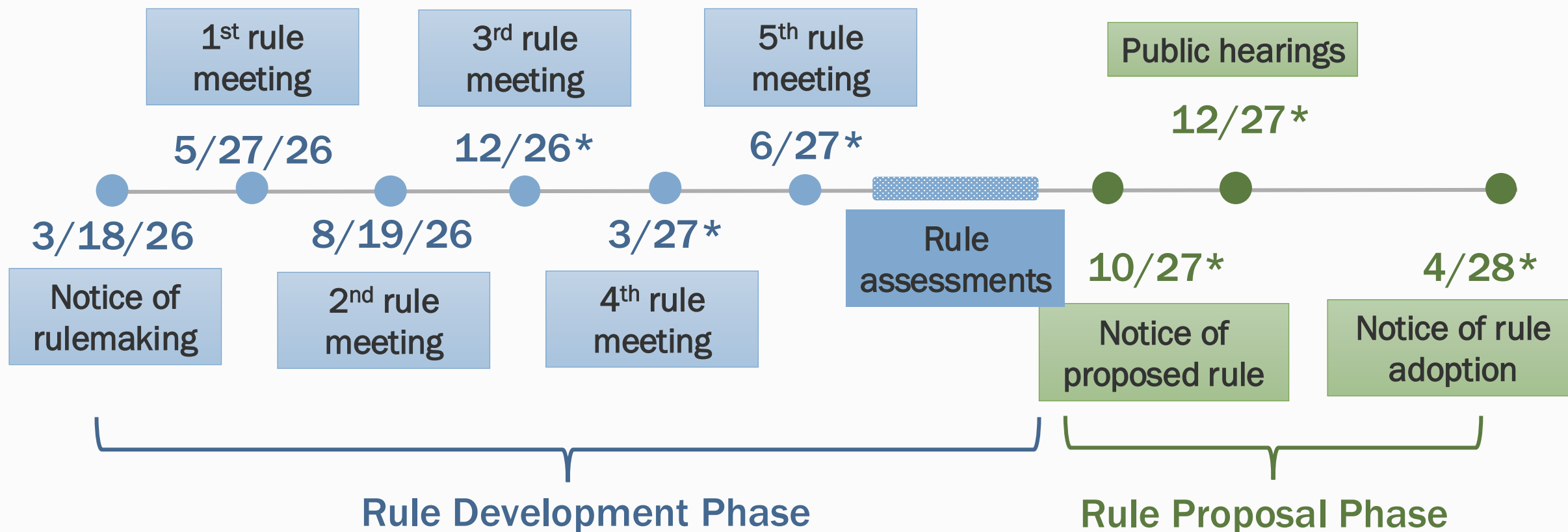
Recycling Reform Rule

Washington Administrative
Code 173-950



The screenshot shows the Department of Ecology website. The header includes the department logo and navigation links: Regulations & Permits, Research & Data, Blog, and Contact Us. A search bar is also present. Below the header, a secondary navigation bar lists: Home, Air & Climate, Water & Shorelines, Waste & Toxics, and Spills & Cleanup. The main content area is titled "Chapter 173-950 WAC - Recycling Reform". It includes a sidebar with links to "Laws, rules, & rulemaking", "Rulemaking", "Rulemaking FAQ", "Economic analyses", and "Index". The main text describes the implementation of the Recycling Reform Act, which creates an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for materials used to package consumer goods and paper products. It mentions that Washington is the seventh state to adopt such a program, where producers pay fees to fund the state's residential recycling system. The text also states that the program covers packaging for consumer goods sold to Washington residents, including boxes, bottles, and cans made from paper, plastic, metal, or glass. It notes that the law requires producers to join and fund a nonprofit Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) by 2030. A section titled "I want to..." provides links to "See where we are in the process", "Stay informed on this rulemaking", and "View additional languages: Español | 中文 | Tiếng Việt | 한국어". At the bottom, there is a "Rulemaking timeline" section with a "Timeline" button and a plus sign.

Rulemaking Schedule



*Meeting dates to be determined

Rule Committee Meetings

We are here



01

May 27 2026

- Purpose
- Applicability
- Definitions
- Producer Duties
- Individual PRO
- Alt. Collection

02

August 18 2026

- Definitions
- PRO duties
- Coordinating body
- Reuse financial assistance program

03

December 2026

- Definitions
- Alternative Collection
- Statewide requirements

04

March 2027

- Definitions
- Service provider duties
- Exclusion petition process

05

June 2027

- Entire chapter review

Track Rule efforts here:

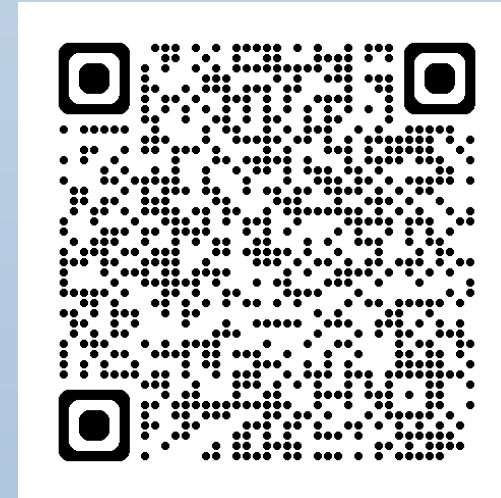
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How to participate:

Public process

- Attend rule committee meetings
- Review and comment on draft language
- Join the RRA email list

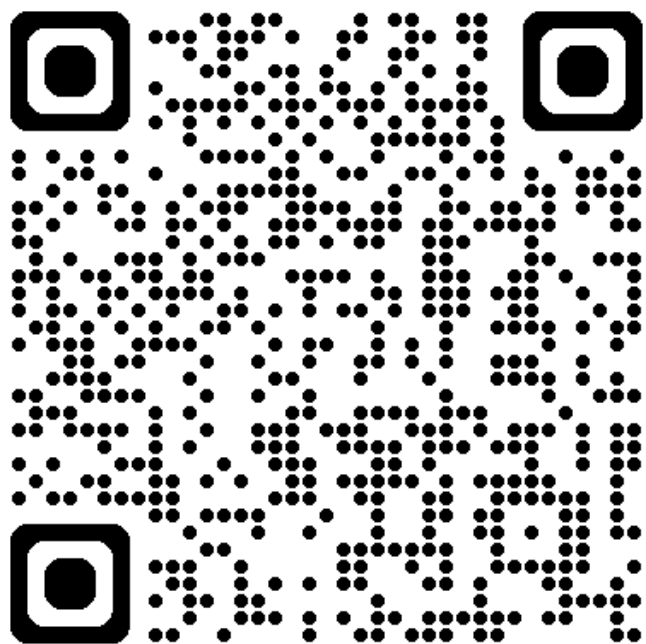
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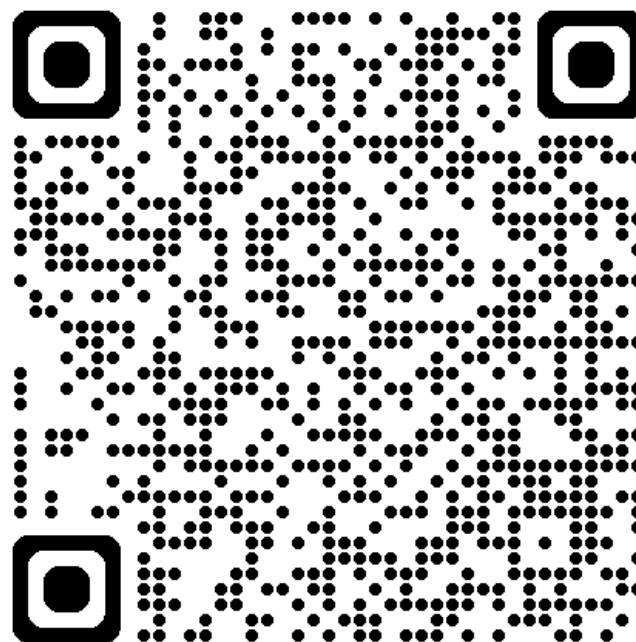
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Recycling Reform Act resources

Ecology's newsletter



Ecology's website



Ecology's RRA team email

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