



ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT

AB 319 (Stone) – Connect the Cap

SUPPORT

- This bill will require that all single-use plastic bottles sold in California have the cap connected to the bottle thereby preventing litter, increasing recycling, and helping California meet its 75% recycling goal.
- Plastic bottle caps are the **3rd most commonly littered item** found at California’s beaches and waterways during annual cleanups. This and their additional detriment to streets and parks all contribute to the \$428 million per year municipalities in California spend on litter cleanup. Nearly 5 billion bottle caps are not recycled, and escape into the environment every year.
- If we don’t reduce plastic pollution entering the marine environment, **by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.** Connected caps is an easy way to reduce plastics in both inland and coastal waters.
- In the 1970s, the beverage industry solved the litter problem caused by aluminum pull tabs by designing a connected push tab. Then they moved to plastic bottles and repeated the design flaw. **The technology already exists** and is being used, for example, by the biggest bottled water manufacturer in the U.S., Crystal Geyser, who supports the bill. Their cap uses less plastic and saves them money.
- Consumer education won’t solve this. Industry (APR) has had a CAPS ON education program since 2010 - it hasn't worked as demonstrated by no reduction in bottle cap litter during Coastal Cleanup Day.
- **Recyclers throughout California want the caps.** The biggest bottle recycler in the U.S., Carbon-Lite based in Los Angeles, supports the bill.

VOTE YES ON AB 319!

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