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My background is in Mechanical Engineering and while I believe science and technology can solve many problems it's business metrics that tend to drive most decisions. I applaud any effort to improve recycling and eliminate non-recyclables. Therefore my input would be the following:

1. Are these changes to the plastics law in Washington State aggressive enough? Will they put enough strain on business's to push them develop ecological solutions faster or at least fast enough?
2. I have listened to far too many investigations that find that what people believe is recyclable does not actually end up getting recycled. Two things need to happen- a. The recycling process needs to be shored up to ensure that recyclables are actually ending up getting recycled. b. Manufacturers who produce non-recyclable materials need to pay into the recycling process.
3. I am a believer that all non-recyclable materials should come to and end as soon as possible. We throw away far too many non-recyclable materials usually in the form of packaging and convenience items on a daily basis at an alarming rate.
4. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support legislation to reduce non-recyclable materials.