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If I am interpreting the results of the group study correctly, the consensus appears to be that this proposed bottle bill has a viable path forward. However, I do not believe the full impact on consumers is being adequately recognized.

While supporters often emphasize that individuals can recover their deposit by returning containers, this perspective overlooks the additional costs imposed on the public, including the time required to participate, the inconvenience of collecting and returning containers, and the need for additional storage space in homes and businesses.

In my view, this program does not provide a meaningful net benefit to the general public. Rather, it continues a pattern of promoting a "feel-good" policy narrative while transferring the associated costs and burdens to consumers. Although the program may create or sustain jobs, those benefits ultimately come at the expense of the very people it is intended to serve.