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The only item on product stewardship is this:

Participate with the Product Stewardship Committee under the Solid Waste Administrators Association (SWAA). SWAA provides peer-to-peer networking opportunities, and the Product Stewardship Committee allows for targeted information sharing. Consistency in product stewardship goals between the metro counties is imperative for planning how to handle post-consumer materials.

If the state waits for counties to take the lead on product stewardship, we will be waiting a long time. "Responsibility" also means the potential for producers to have more control than the counties want to give up. State leadership would help move things along, raise the stature of the issue with producers, and hammer out necessary compromises. Comments submitted already show strong interest from MRF operators in product stewardship for batteries to reduce fire risk and to recover valuable lithium ion materials.