

# DRS Fact Sheet: Public Support for Deposit Return Legislation

**Table 1 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Introduction of DRS Legislation (2003-2021)**

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
Northern Territory, Australia <sup>i</sup>	2011	79% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspoll survey commissioned by the Boomerang Alliance</li> <li>79% support the NT government's plan to introduce a South Australian style scheme of 10-cents deposit on bottles and cans</li> <li>87% believe a 10-cent deposit will encourage more people to recycle these items</li> </ul>
Victoria, Australia <sup>ii</sup>	2015	79% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted January/February 2015</li> <li>Sample size: 608</li> </ul>
Victoria, Australia <sup>iii</sup>	2018	84% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted June 22-27, 2018 via online survey</li> <li>Sample size: 503</li> <li>Poll commissioned by the Total Environment Centre</li> <li>Support was highest among those living in households with 5 or more people (87%) and lowest among single-person households (77%)</li> <li>Support was also high among those with an associate diploma (89%), bachelor's degree (87%), and skilled vocational (87%).</li> <li>Widowed people (94%), as well as those living common law, de-factor or with a partner (87%), married (85%), or divorced/separated (84%) showed more support than those who were single or never married (77%).</li> </ul>
New South Wales, Australia <sup>iv</sup>	2012	80% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
New South Wales, Australia <sup>v</sup>	2015	90% in favour of introducing deposit legislation (decision taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted January/February 2015 via telephone survey</li> <li>Sample size: 669</li> <li>Newspoll commissioned by the Total Environment Centre</li> <li>Support was the highest among grocery buyers with children (92%)</li> </ul>
Queensland, Australia <sup>vi</sup>	2013	85% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspoll commissioned by Greenpeace and Boomerang Alliance</li> <li>67% strongly in favour</li> <li>18% partly in favour</li> </ul>
Queensland, Australia <sup>vii</sup>	2015	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted January/February 2015 via telephone survey</li> <li>Sample size: 407</li> </ul>

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Australian Capital Territory, Australia <sup>viii</sup>	2015	81% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted via online survey; poll closed January 13, 2015</li> <li>• Sample size: 624</li> </ul>
Australia (National) <sup>ix</sup>	2012	82% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Australia (National)	2013/1	87% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Australia (National)	2013/2	87% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Tasmania, Australia <sup>x</sup>	2011	91% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
New Zealand <sup>xi</sup>	2017	83% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample size: 1,000</li> <li>• Research commissioned by WasteMINZ's Territorial Authority (TA) Forum</li> <li>• 58% were strongly in support</li> <li>• 78 per cent of respondents support all types of beverage containers being included in the DRS</li> </ul>
Austria <sup>xii</sup>	2020	<p>81% in favour of introducing a deposit on PET bottles</p> <p>76% in favour of introducing a deposit on cans</p> <p>84% in favour of introducing a deposit on glass bottles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted between July 30-August 5, 2020 via online interview</li> <li>• Poll carried out by Research Affairs</li> <li>• Sample size: 1,000</li> </ul>
Austria <sup>xiii</sup>	2020	83% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted between February 4-11, 2020 via online survey</li> <li>• Poll carried out for Changing Markets Foundation by YouGov</li> <li>• Sample size: 1,000</li> <li>• 83% were in support of the introduction of a DRS; 8% neither supported nor opposed; 8% opposed; and 1% didn't know</li> </ul>
Austria <sup>xiv</sup>	2021	87% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted February 8-15, 2021 via online survey</li> <li>• Poll carried out by Greenpeace Austria by Marketagent</li> <li>• Sample size: 500</li> <li>• Margin of error: 4.3%</li> <li>• The poll also found that 87.4% of respondents were in favor of expansion of refillables in retail.</li> </ul>
Belgium <sup>xv</sup>	2011	62% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	

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Belgium <sup>xvi</sup>	2015	80% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The news paper 'Het Belang van Limburg' did a poll among 1,000 people living in Limburg (a province in Flanders). 80% of respondents supported the introduction of deposits on bottles and cans to fight litter.</li> </ul>
Belgium <sup>xvii</sup>	2017	66% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consumer organisation Test-Achats / Test-Aankoop did a poll among 1,150 of its members (both Dutch and French speaking). 66% of them supported the introduction of deposits on bottles and cans.</li> </ul>
Belgium <sup>xviii</sup>	2018	82% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted May 30-June 7, 2018</li> <li>Sample size: 5,134</li> </ul>
Belgium <sup>xix</sup>	2021	88% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online poll conducted April 10-19, 2021 by Ipsos België</li> <li>Sample size: 6,742</li> </ul>
France <sup>xx</sup>	2019	90% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted March 20-22, 2019 via self-administered online questionnaire</li> <li>Sample size: 1,004</li> <li>55% strongly in favour of introducing a DRS on glass bottles; 35% partly in favour</li> </ul>
France <sup>xxi</sup>	2019	89% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online poll conducted September 17-20, 2019 by Ipsos</li> <li>Sample size: 2,138</li> </ul>
Hungary	2013	66% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
Ireland <sup>xxii</sup>	2013	89.4% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted April 20-May 10, 2013 via paper and online surveys</li> <li>Sample size: 1,426</li> <li>Only 6.1% were against such a scheme and 4.5% gave a conditional approval</li> </ul>
Ireland <sup>xxiii</sup>	2020	88% in favour of introducing an "all-in" DRS model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted October 1-5, 2020 by RedC, a well-respected polling company in Ireland, and commissioned by Voice Ireland</li> <li>Sample size: 1,006</li> <li>66% of respondents "strongly agree" that Ireland's DRS should include as wide a scope as possible, while 22% "somewhat agree" (total 88% agree)</li> <li>Some 78% of those questioned also said they supported the introduction of a variable deposit fee, where consumers pay a deposit that varies based on the size and material of the container</li> <li>Opinion was relatively consistent across the age ranges surveyed, with 90% of 25-34 year olds calling for a scheme that includes as many drinks containers as possible</li> </ul>
Romania <sup>xxiv</sup>	2020	96% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted August 17-24, 2020 via computer assisted telephone interviews</li> <li>Sample size: 820 (people living in Romania over 18 years of age)</li> <li>Sampling tolerance: +/-13.4% at a 95% confidence level</li> </ul>
Spain <sup>xxv</sup>	2013	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample size: 5,175</li> </ul>
Scotland <sup>xxvi</sup>	2015	78.8% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted February 12-17, 2015 via online panel</li> <li>Sample size: 1,011</li> <li>Margin of error: +/-3.1% at the 95% confidence level</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39.1% strongly support</li> <li>35.9% somewhat support</li> <li>Highest support was among 16-24 year olds (50.8%)</li> </ul>
Scotland <sup>xxvii</sup>	2019	77% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted July 16-18, 2019 via online survey</li> <li>Sample size: 1,019</li> <li>Strongly support: 46%; tend to support (31%); neither support nor oppose (9%); tend to oppose (5%); strongly oppose (7%); don't know (2%)</li> </ul>
Wales <sup>xxviii</sup>	2015	60% in favour of producer responsibility approach to beverage-related litter; out of them 81% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey carried out during September 2015; sent out over social media to the general public</li> <li>Although this methodology can only provide a snapshot of data and responses are somewhat subjective, results were largely consistent with few anomalies</li> </ul>
Wales <sup>xxix</sup>	2019	74% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research consisted of two online panel surveys: one with 1,453 adults aged 16+ and one with 372 children aged 11-15.</li> <li>Survey was conducted online in March 2019 using Kantar's online access panel Lightspeed as the main sample source</li> <li>The extent to which survey respondents supported or opposed the introduction of a deposit return scheme: 39% strongly support; 35% support; 16% neither agree or disagree; 6% oppose; 4% strongly oppose</li> <li>Surveyed children aged 11-15 were also in support of a DRS: 85% supported the introduction of the scheme while only 3% opposed it</li> <li>An 'all-in' scheme, where all containers carried the same deposit cost, regardless of size, was considered by participants to be the most effective scheme.</li> </ul>
UK <sup>xxx</sup>	2008	82% in favour of introducing 5 pence deposit 80% in favour of introducing 10 pence deposit	
UK	2010	89% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
UK <sup>xxxi</sup>	2017	63% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	
UK <sup>xxxii</sup>	2017	73% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society between August 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>Sample size: 2,137</li> <li>40% strongly support and 33% support introducing a deposit return system across the UK for single-use drinks bottles and cans</li> </ul>

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UK <sup>xxxiii</sup>	2018	74% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most support comes from those aged over 45 years</li> <li>• Poll conducted April 3, 2018 via online survey</li> <li>• Sample size: 1,002</li> <li>• The survey also reveals what people do with their used empty plastic bottles when they are away from home. Of those that use plastic bottles away from home, 42% say they are likely to keep their bottle and reuse it, 32% say they will go out of their way to find a recycling bin, and 26% say they will just throw it in the nearest bin.</li> </ul>
UK <sup>xxxiv</sup>	2019	72% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, between June 9-11, 2019</li> <li>• Sample size: 3,386</li> <li>• 41% “strongly support”; 31% “tend to support”</li> </ul>
UK <sup>xxxv</sup>	2020	84% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted May 29-31, 2020 by Populus</li> <li>• Sample size: 2,087 members of the UK public aged 18 and over</li> <li>• 84% agreed that all drinks containers should be included in the government’s proposed deposit return scheme, up from 69% in May 2019</li> <li>• Almost 4 in 5 said they believe the scheme should have a variable deposit</li> </ul>
Slovakia <sup>xxxvi</sup>	2019	86% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted in January 2019 by the AKO polling agency for the Slovak Environment Inspection</li> <li>• Sample size: 1,030</li> <li>• More than 86% of Slovaks support the introduction of PET bottle and can deposits, while only 10% oppose this proposal. The poll further showed that 96% don’t mind paying a deposit while buying a drink that will be returned to them when they bring PET bottles or cans back to a shop.</li> <li>• Asked about whether the deposits will influence their waste separation habits, 77% of respondents answered they will keep separating plastics as they did until now, while 3% of respondents admitted they would limit separation of plastics.</li> </ul>
Indiana, USA <sup>xxxvii</sup>	2012	73% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll managed by Ball State University Bowen Center using Princeton Survey Research Associates</li> <li>• Sample size: 600</li> <li>• Tested seven possible outcomes associated with a refundable deposit program - very strong support for all (78% to 87%)</li> <li>• 67.7% agreed that a refundable deposit is not a tax</li> </ul>
Tennessee, USA <sup>xxxviii</sup>	2008	80.4% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted March 12-20, 2008 via random telephone interviews</li> <li>• Sample size: 777 (only includes registered voters)</li> <li>• Margin of error: ± 3.5% at the 95% confidence level</li> <li>• 44.4% strongly support</li> <li>• 36% support</li> </ul>
Tennessee, USA	2009	83.2% in favour of	

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Texas, USA <sup>xxxix</sup>	2011	71% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted January 18-20, 2011 via telephone interview of N=501 randomly selected registered voters in the State of Texas</li> <li>• Margin of error: +/- 4.4% at the 95% confidence level</li> </ul>
Ontario, Canada <sup>xl</sup>	2006	75% in favour of introducing deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted September 30-October 3, 2006 via random telephone interview</li> <li>• Sample size: 500</li> <li>• The aggregate survey results are accurate plus or minus 4.4%, 19 times out of 20.</li> <li>• Data was weighted for gender and age to match the 2001 Canadian census results for Ontario</li> <li>• 75% strongly support</li> <li>• 12% somewhat support</li> </ul>

**Table 2 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Expansion of DRS Legislation (2003-2021)**

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
South Australia, Australia <sup>xli</sup>	2004	92% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted June 9-17, 2004 via interviews</li> <li>• Sample size: 803</li> <li>• 78% strongly support</li> <li>• 13% slightly support</li> </ul>
Netherlands <sup>xlii</sup>	2016	74% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to small plastic bottles and cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dutch consumer programme Radar</li> </ul>
Netherlands <sup>xliii</sup>	2018	80% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey carried out by GfK Research</li> </ul>
Netherlands <sup>xliiv</sup>	2021	90.1% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey conducted February 4, 2021 via online poll</li> <li>• Sample size: 7,130</li> <li>• 90.1% agree with the government's decision to extend the deposit system to cans from 31 December 2022</li> </ul>
Iowa, USA <sup>xliv</sup>	2018	27% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to include juice and water bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted January 28-31 by Selzer &amp; Co. (for The Des Moines Register and Mediacom) via telephone interviews</li> <li>• Sample size: 801</li> <li>• Margin of error: plus or minus 3.5 percentage points</li> </ul>
Iowa, USA <sup>xlvi</sup>	2021	38% in favour of expanding deposit legislation (to include all single use beverage containers and/or to raise deposit/handling fee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent survey conducted in January 2021 by Kristi Cooper Consulting</li> <li>• Sample size: 600</li> <li>• 21% of respondents said to keep the bottle bill and raise the deposit/handling fee; 17% said to keep and expand the bottle bill, and 8% said to eliminate it.</li> </ul>
Connecticut, USA <sup>xlvii</sup>	2020	81% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey conducted by live telephone interviews among both landline and cell phone respondents from January 6-9, 2020</li> <li>• Sample size: 500</li> <li>• Margin of error: ±4.4% at the 95% confidence level</li> <li>• 64% strongly support, 17% somewhat support</li> </ul>
Michigan, USA <sup>xlviii</sup>	2013	80.5% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample size: 334</li> </ul>
Massachusetts, USA <sup>xlix</sup>	2003	84% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	
Massachusetts, USA <sup>l</sup>	2011	77% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll conducted January 5-8, 2011 via telephone interviews</li> <li>• Sample size: 400</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53% strongly support</li> <li>24% somewhat support</li> </ul>
New York, USA <sup>ii</sup>	2004	70% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	
Vermont, USA <sup>iii</sup>	2010	86% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted November 15-17, 2010 via telephone interviews</li> <li>Sample size: 400</li> <li>Margin of error: <math>\pm 4.9\%</math> at the level of 95% confidence</li> <li>93% thought Vermont's current bottle bill was a 'good idea' (75% strongly agreed)</li> <li>61% strongly favoured expansion</li> </ul>
Vermont, USA <sup>iii</sup>	2013	80% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample size: 139</li> <li>Annual survey conducted by Senator Bill Doyle</li> </ul>
Vermont, USA <sup>iv</sup>	2021	83% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample size: 400</li> <li>VPIRG poll conducted via telephone interviews among voters from March 11-14, 2021</li> <li>Margin of error: <math>\pm 4.9\%</math> at the 95% confidence level</li> <li>Support for expanding bottle bill to include more types of containers such as sports drinks, water bottles, and wine bottles: 64% strongly support, 19% somewhat support</li> </ul>
Ontario, Canada <sup>iv</sup>	2017	91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted March 4-7, 2017 via online survey</li> <li>Sample size: 800</li> <li>Margin of error: <math>\pm 3.5\%</math>, 19 times out of 20</li> <li>Data is weighed to represent the gender, age, and regional distribution of the province</li> <li>69% strongly support</li> <li>23% somewhat support</li> <li>Most common explanations for support of expanding the deposit-return program: promotes recycling (26%), reducing trash (25%), and rewarding returning bottles (24%)</li> </ul>
Quebec, Canada <sup>vi</sup>	2016	88% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to water bottles  91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to wine bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample size: 1,234</li> <li>93% totally or somewhat agree that the Quebec government should modernize the deposit system</li> <li>63% said that increasing the deposit from 5-cents to 10-cents would make them always return their containers; 22% said it would make them return them more often; and 14% said it would not change their habits</li> <li>84% of respondents said that extending the deposit to water bottles would result in them always or often bringing back plastic water bottles</li> <li>89% of respondents said that extending the deposit to wine bottles would result in them always or often bringing back their wine bottles</li> </ul>
Quebec, Canada <sup>vii</sup>	2017	86% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to water bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted June 29-July 1, 2017 via online survey</li> <li>Sample size: 1,065</li> <li>Margin of error: <math>\pm 3.9\%</math> (at 95% confidence level)</li> </ul>



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		91% in favour of expanding deposit legislation to wine bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data is weighed to represent the gender, age, language, and regional distribution of the province</li><li>• 92% totally or somewhat agree that the Quebec government should modernize the deposit system</li></ul>

**Table 3 Summary of Public Opinion Polls Showing Support for Existing DRS Legislation (2003-2021)**

Jurisdiction	Year	Level of support	Notes
New South Wales, Australia <sup>lviii</sup>	2019	<b>86%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kantar December 2019 Return and Earn consumer research results</li> </ul>
New South Wales, Australia <sup>lix</sup>	2020	<b>88%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kantar June 2020 Return and Earn consumer research results</li> </ul>
Australian Capital Territory, Australia <sup>lx</sup>	2019	<b>82%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey conducted by Instinct &amp; Reason in February 2019</li> </ul>
Australian Capital Territory, Australia <sup>lxi</sup>	2021	<b>83%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the ACT CDS 2019-20 Annual Statutory Report, support for the scheme rose from 71% in August 2019 to 83% in April 2020. Additionally, 51% stated they believe it is the best way to reduce litter and increase recycling of containers.</li> </ul>
Denmark <sup>lxii</sup>	2017	<b>92%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	
Denmark <sup>lxiii</sup>	2018	<b>95%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	
Germany <sup>lxiv</sup>	2016	<b>83%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted March 15-18, 2016</li> <li>Sample size: 1,310</li> <li>87% of respondents believe that deposit money in Belgium can reduce litter</li> </ul>
Iceland <sup>lxv</sup>	2018	<b>88%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey conducted in 2018</li> </ul>
Lithuania	2016	<b>78.2%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	
Lithuania <sup>lxvi</sup>	2018	<b>97%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted January 15-23, 2018 via standardised direct interview and questionnaire</li> <li>Sample size: 1,004</li> <li>97% of respondents felt that the deposit system is necessary: 64% believed that such a system is “highly” necessary, and 33% that it is “rather” necessary.</li> </ul>
Lithuania <sup>lxvii</sup>	2019	<b>98%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted October 19-29, 2019 by Spinter Research via standardised direct interview and questionnaire</li> <li>Sample size: 1,009</li> </ul>
Netherlands	2006	<b>78%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	
Iowa, USA <sup>lxviii</sup>	2017	<b>88%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted February 23-26, 2017</li> <li>Sample size: 700 (only includes registered voters)</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% say the bottle bill has been good for the state, while nearly 4 in 5 support keeping the law in some form; if anything, voters are open to expansion.</li> <li>89% agree that the combination of the bottle bill and curbside recycling programs is the best way to decrease the amount of materials going into landfills, including 54% who strongly agree</li> <li>78% agree that there should be a national bottle bill</li> <li>81% agree that if the bottle bill were ended, people would not bother with recycling</li> </ul>
Iowa, USA <sup>lxxix</sup>	2018	<b>30%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted January 28-31 by Selzer &amp; Co. (for The Des Moines Register and Mediacom) via telephone interviews</li> <li>Sample size: 801</li> <li>Margin of error: plus or minus 3.5 percentage points</li> </ul>
Iowa, USA <sup>lxxx</sup>	2021	<b>54%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent survey conducted in January 2021 by Kristi Cooper Consulting</li> <li>Sample size: 600</li> <li>54% of respondents said to “keep” the existing bottle bill; 21% said to keep the bottle bill and raise the deposit/handling fee; 17% said to keep and expand the bottle bill, and 8% said to eliminate it.</li> </ul>
Hawaii, USA <sup>lxxxi</sup>	2008	<b>60%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted via telephone survey from February 15-March 19, 2008</li> <li>Sample size: 701</li> <li>Maximum margin of error for n=701 is ±3.6% at the 95% confidence level</li> <li>35% very supportive, 25% somewhat supportive</li> </ul>
New York, USA <sup>lxxxii</sup>	2004	<b>84%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	
Oregon, USA <sup>lxxxiii</sup>	2019	<b>97%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted May 16-23, 2019 via online survey</li> <li>Sample size: 600</li> <li>Margin of error: ±4.0%</li> <li>91% of Oregonians think the deposit return program is “good for the state”</li> </ul>
Vermont, USA <sup>lxxxiv</sup>	2010	<b>93%</b> in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll conducted November 15-17, 2010 via telephone interviews</li> <li>Sample size: 400</li> <li>Margin of error: ±4.9% at the level of 95% confidence</li> <li>93% thought Vermont’s current bottle bill was a ‘good idea’ (75% strongly agreed)</li> </ul>

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Vermont, USA <sup>xxv</sup>	2021	88% in favour of <b>existing</b> deposit legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 61% strongly favoured expansion</li> <li>• Sample size: 400</li> <li>• VPIRG poll conducted via telephone interviews among voters from March 11-14, 2021</li> <li>• Margin of error: ±4.9% at the 95% confidence level</li> <li>• Support for existing bottle bill: 65% strongly support, 23% somewhat support</li> </ul>

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