



Senator Peggy Lehner
6th Ohio Senate District

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LEHNER TAKES ON E-RECYCLING ISSUE BEFORE SENATE PANEL



Senator Lehner makes her case before committee members.

COLUMBUS—State Senator Peggy Lehner (R – Kettering) today offered sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 253, which would establish a consumer-friendly and efficient method for the recycling and reuse of electronic equipment. The bill is being heard before the Senate Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Under the proposed plan, manufacturers will be required to establish take-back programs in order to conduct business in Ohio. The purpose of such programs will be to assist in the effective and responsible recycling or disposal of electronic products.

The past three decades saw a significant increase in both the sale of electronic products and the amount of waste produced by such products. Recent statistics indicate that as of 2009, 72% of computer-related products are either no longer in use or ready to be recycled. When translated into pounds, that percentage is responsible for 17.3 million tons of waste.

“Passage of this bill would be a big win for both consumers and our environment,” Lehner said. “Ohio consumers will incur absolutely no cost in the creation of these take-back programs, and we will finally have a responsible manner for disposing of e-waste.”

Thus far, 25 states have already enacted laws dealing with E-recycling.

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Senator Lehner represents Ohio's 6th Senate District which includes a portion of Montgomery County. She currently serves as Chairwoman for the Senate Education Committee.