

Supporting A Product Stewardship Program For Paint

Referred to: The Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee (Chairman Belfiglio and Legislators Bartels, Lopez, John Parete, Ronk, Wawro and Wishnick) and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Chairman of the Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee, Carl Belfiglio, offers the following:

WHEREAS, it is estimated that roughly 3.1 million gallons of leftover paint are generated in New York each year; and

WHEREAS, management of leftover paint in New York results in a cost that typically represents 50% of municipal household hazardous waste budgets; and

WHEREAS, a statewide paint stewardship program would mean that the paint industry would be responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint in New York; and

WHEREAS, in addition to reducing government costs, a paint stewardship program would create green sector jobs, reduce waste and encourage the public to purchase the right amount of paint for a job; and

WHEREAS, the American Coatings Association, a trade association representing paint manufactures from across the United States has created PaintCare, a non-profit program to manage the reuse, recycling and disposal of leftover paint; and

WHEREAS, other states, including Rhode Island, Oregon, and Connecticut have passed legislation implementing paint recovery programs managed by PaintCare, saving local municipalities tens of thousands of dollars to manage the paint as part of household hazardous waste collection programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency adopted Resolution No. 2290 on April 15, 2013, which expressed support for industry sponsored statewide paint recycling legislation, and has requested that the Ulster County Legislature do the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby urges the New York State Legislature to ~~enact industry sponsored paint recycling legislation~~ **support NYS Legislative Bills A6930 and S4690**, which would require the paint industry to be responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint in New York State; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to The Ulster County Resources Recovery Agency, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senators James Seward, John J. Bonacic, William J. Larkin, Jr., ~~and~~ Cecilia Tkaczyk **and Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Chair, Mark Grisanti**, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, and New York State Assemblymembers Kevin A. Cahill, Claudia Tenney, Frank K. Skartados, ~~and~~ Peter Lopez **and Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Chair, Robert Sweeney**,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Gregorius)

Passed Committee: Environmental, Energy and Technology as amended on May 2, 2013

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on May 13, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Harris, to add the corresponding NYS Bill numbers to the first RESOLVED, and to add the respective State Committee Chairs to the last RESOLVED, as indicated above in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 14th Day of May, 2013, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 15th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature