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SUBJECT: Biennial Report on Electronic Waste Recycling Fund Revenue and Expenses

In accordance with Sections 17303(9) and 17317(9) of Part 173, Electronics, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) biennial report on the Electronic Waste Recycling Fund Revenue and Expenses for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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Legislative Report

Report on Electronic Waste Recycling Fund Revenue and Expenses

Report Period:
Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023

Authority:
MCLs 324.17303(9) and 324.17317(9)

This biennial report is provided in accordance with Sections 17303(9) and 17317(9) of Part 173, Electronics, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Part 173 requires a biennial report that assesses the adequacy of the fees collected from manufacturers and recyclers of covered electronic devices and makes recommendations regarding modifying those fees.

Electronic Waste Recycling Fund (Fund) Revenues and Expenses

The Electronic Waste Takeback Program (Program) revenue is received from the annual registrations paid by computer, printer, and television manufacturers and certain electronics recyclers. Manufacturers must pay \$3,000 per year, and electronics recyclers must pay \$2,000 per year. Program expenses include the costs associated with administering the law. Part 173 was signed into law in December 2008, and annual registrations were first required in October 2009.

FUND SUMMARY		
	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023
Beginning Fund Balance	\$337,204	\$296,206
Fund Revenue	\$228,292	\$253,633 Projected
Year-End Fund Balance on September 30	\$296,206	\$207,271 Projected

PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS			
	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Annual Fee
Manufacturer Registrations	62	59	\$3,000
Recycler Registrations	21	20	\$2,000

The annual revenue received by the Fund meets the projections outlined during the inception of Part 173 and its funding mechanism. The Fund is not taking in more revenue than anticipated and, therefore, will not exceed \$600,000 on December 31 of any year, as limited by Section 17303(6) of Part 173.

Fund Adequacy

The Fund continues to be adequate for administering the current Program, which has a primary focus on community assistance, outreach, and compliance assistance. There has been a slow decline in revenue due to the pandemic and small electronics manufacturers going out of business. The Program includes one full-time professional and one part-time administrative support staff. The focus of staff is supporting local communities' collection of electronics regulated under Part 173. Inspection of electronics recyclers are conducted, as time and resources allow. The Program would benefit from integrating compliance and enforcement staff to assure that electronic collectors and recyclers receive adequate oversight.

Recommendations

Due to deficiencies in Part 173, the Program does not adequately provide recycling support for many areas of Michigan. The Program has been utilizing Renew Michigan funds to award small grants to communities and organizations to provide collection and recycling opportunities for electronics. The statute would benefit from a revision that moves the financial burden to the manufacturers as is intended under extended producer responsibility model laws.

EGLE staff has been working with a consortium of electronics manufacturers and interested parties to update the law to a convenience model, rather than the current voluntary goals/weight-based model. The proposed model would provide equivalent services and access to residents across the entire state, rather than focusing collection efforts on urban areas.

For additional information on Michigan's Electronic Waste Takeback Law, Part 173, please use the following link: "[Electronic Waste Takeback Program.](#)"