

Proposed Resolution #B
Requires 2/3 Majority

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Proposed: June 3, 2023 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Expanding Michigan's Bottle Bill

1. **WHEREAS:** the state's Beverage Container Deposit Law, which went into effect during
2. December of 1978, has been a major success by reducing litter and increasing recycling among
3. other benefits, and;
4. **WHEREAS:** more than 90% of the cans and bottles covered under the Container Deposit Law
5. have been returned in most years since the law has been in effect, according to the
6. Department of Treasury, and;
7. **WHEREAS:** not all beverage containers are covered under the Container Deposit Law such as
8. sports drinks, canned and bottled coffee, tea and water, and;
9. **WHEREAS:** drink containers that do not currently have deposits on them make up a significant
10. amount of litter along Michigan roads, and;
11. **WHEREAS:** expanding Michigan's Container Deposit Law to include other beverages such as
12. sports drinks, coffee, tea, lemonade and water would reduce litter from the containers these
13. drinks come in and would further increase recycling of those containers, NOW;
14. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that MUCC will work with state Legislators in drafting
15. Legislation to expand Michigan's Container Deposit Law to include more types of beverages.