

**TIME SENSITIVE ACTION ALERT**

**Call, Email, or Tag (on social media) your State Senator with an Important Message on Clean Energy**

**The Senate Environment and Climate Committee is hearing the 100% Electronic Waste Recycling Bill tomorrow.**

**ACTION:** **Contact your senator before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

* If your senator ***IS*** on the [Environment & Climate Committee](https://www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.html?cmte_id=3130&ls=93), give them (or their staff) the message below ([Committee members](https://www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.html?cmte_id=3130&ls=93) are also listed below at the very bottom)
* If your senator is ***NOT***on the [Environment & Climate Committee](https://www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.html?cmte_id=3130&ls=93), **urge them to contact their colleagues** who are.  Again, see the message below.
* Free Tomorrow? Come to the E-Waste hearing, in addition to contacting your senator.  It will be Tuesday, 3:00 p.m., Room 1150, Minnesota Senate Building.  Talking Points below.)
* [**Who is my state senator** & what is their contact information (phone & email or link to “mail form”)?](https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/)

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***MAIN MESSAGE:*** *Please support AND urge your Senate colleagues on the Environment & Climate Committee to* ***support SF 3940*** *to*

* *Expand the* ***definition of e-waste*** *in Minnesota law*
* *Provide for* ***statewide free e-waste drop-off***
* ***Incentivize*** *e-waste collection, recycling, and refurbishing*

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**Possible Talking Points (choose a few):**

* I believe we must be good stewards of all that God has created.
* E-waste leaches toxins into our water and air.
* Anything with a lithium battery is a fire hazard in the trash, including air pods, singing cards, and e-cigarettes.
* The 2007 Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act is out of date as many new technologies are not covered or collected.
* Research shows that people are more likely to turn in old electronics if drop-off sites are free and accessible.
* Electronic waste contains high value metals like copper, platinum, silver, gold, & iron that can and should be recycled.
* Of 266 million pounds of e-waste produced in Minnesota annually, only about 24% gets collected and recycled.
* The minerals in Minnesota’s e-waste would be worth 2.8 billion annually if captured and recycled.
* In moving from fossil fuels toward cleaner options to address the climate crisis, these minerals are increasing in demand.

**Background:** See this handout

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