



Lutheran Advocacy - Minnesota

## 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 Electronic Waste Recycling Bill tomorrow.**

**ACTION: Contact your senator before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025**

- If your senator **IS** on the [Environment & Climate Committee](#), give them (or their staff) the message below
- If your senator is **NOT** on the [Environment & Climate Committee](#), **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 Thursday, 3:00 p.m., Room 1150, Minnesota Senate Building. Talking Points below.)
- [Who is my state senator & what is their contact information \(phone & email or link to "mail form"\)?](#)

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**MAIN MESSAGE:** Please support AND urge your Senate colleagues on the Environment & Climate Committee to **support SF 1690** to

- Expand the **definition of e-waste** in Minnesota law
  - Provide for **statewide free e-waste collection or drop-off**
  - **Require manufacturers** to cover the cost
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**Possible Talking Points (choose a couple or explain why you care):**

- 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- The 2007 Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act is out of date as many new technologies are not covered or collected.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](#)