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Review of Maine Beverage Container Redemption Program

The Maine Beverage Container Redemption Program was first voted onto the Government Oversight Committee's (GOC) "On Deck List" in March of 2009. On March 24, 2017, the GOC voted to move the review of the redemption program to OPEGA's Work Plan. OPEGA began preliminary research in May of 2017.

On August 23, 2017, the GOC voted to continue with a more detailed review of the redemption program and approved the following scope questions:

1. To what extent is the program accomplishing its intended purpose?
2. What types of costs are incurred by the State and Initiators of Deposit for the program and how are these costs potentially offset?
3. To what extent is commingling accomplishing its intended purpose?
4. To what extent are effective measures in place to address risks of non-compliance with program requirements and risks of potential fraud and abuse in the program?
5. How does Maine's program compare to beverage container redemption programs in other states? How do states without a beverage container redemption program handle the recycling of beverage containers?

OPEGA expects to complete this review during the first half of 2018.