



League of Women Voters
IOWA

2017-2018 Forum Questions - Addition -

Legislator Name: _____

☐ **State Representative** ☐ **State Senator**

LWVIA member/Local League: _____

BOTTLE BILL

BACKGROUND:

Iowa's bottle bill has been a huge success, and recent polling shows that 8 out of every 10 Iowans supports Iowa's bottle redemption law, a percentage that does not change significantly with party affiliation. Statistics show that states with deposit laws have much higher beverage recycling rates. In Iowa, 76% of plastic (PET) carbonated bottles are recovered, compared to only 26% of non-bottle bill covered PET bottles. Iowa still loses over \$26 million in beverage redemptions, which are kept by distributors each year, an amount that could add significantly to the state's recycling infrastructure.

QUESTIONS:

Will you fight to keep Iowa's successful bottle bill?

Would you consider expanding the bottle bill to include other containers, or an increase in handling fees?

What would you do with the roughly \$26 million left unclaimed each year?