



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
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ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to examine the effectiveness of the State's E-waste collection program.

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Wednesday
February 24, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Legislative Office Building Hearing Room B

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste by Weight" reports indicate that the amount of discarded electronic waste, commonly referred to as E-waste, is rising. In 2011, 3.4 million tons of E-waste were generated, up from 1.9 million tons in 2000. E-waste, such as televisions and computers, typically includes harmful chemicals such as lead, cadmium, mercury and flame retardants. In 2010, the Legislature created a statewide electronic equipment reuse and recycling program to encourage recycling and prevent the disposal of E-waste in landfills. This hearing is intended to examine the effectiveness of the State's E-waste program including collection rates, administration, and manufacturer compliance.

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Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on Electronic Waste to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, Commission on Solid Waste Management, Commission on Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes, and Subcommittee on Oversight of the Department of Environmental Conservation on February 24th.
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