



PROPOSED STUDY QUESTIONS

# Sunset Review of the Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program

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# Program created to achieve the goal of recycling mercury- containing lights



**The Department of Ecology  
oversees the program.**

A private organization manages the work.

**The program is meant to:**

- Establish uniform statewide requirements to recycle the lights.
- Create system to collect the lights.
- Educate the public about recycling mercury-containing lights.

*Examples of mercury-containing lights include fluorescents, HIDs, and neon bulbs.*



# Study mandate for the Sunset Review

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- In 2014, the Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program was added to Sunset chapter (RCW 43.131.421).
- The program will terminate July 1, 2025 if no action is taken by the Legislature.
- In calendar year before termination, JLARC is directed to review the program and recommend it be continued, modified, or allowed to terminate.

## Proposed Study Questions

1. Has the program fulfilled the legislative intent to keep mercury out of the solid waste system, educate the public, and provide collection sites?
  - a) Do any disparities in access to the program exist?
2. Does Ecology provide for efficient and economical management of the program?
3. Has the program achieved its performance measures?
4. Does the program duplicate the activities of another agency or the private sector?
5. What are the possible effects of eliminating or changing the program?



# Next Steps

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## **Preliminary Report**

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## **Proposed Final Report**

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