



Assembly Floor Alert

AB 899 (Ransom)

Glass Bottle Market Development Support

The Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) is pleased to sponsor and support AB 899 which would increase and extend the market development payments to glass container manufacturers for the purchase of cullet used to make glass bottles in California. GPI is the national trade association representing glass container manufacturers and suppliers, including the four container factories located in Tracy, Modesto, Vernon and Madera.

Specifically, AB 899 increases the existing market development payment for cullet (recycled glass) from \$50 per ton to \$150 per ton, and extends the sunset for this payment program to January 1, 2030.

Importantly, AB 899 will help reduce operational costs faced by California glass bottle manufacturers and help those manufacturers compete against foreign made glass bottles, which face none of the in-state recycled content requirements, energy costs, labor costs and other regulatory and environmental compliance obligations placed on the domestic glass industry in California.

The increased market development payments in AB 899 will lower the cost of production for California-made glass bottles, help retain in-state jobs, and assist in leveling the playing field with glass bottles imported from overseas, government-supported manufacturers.

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute and its over one thousand, highly skilled union member workforce, we look forward to passage of AB 899.