



House Bill 5423 will strip \$21 million away from contaminated site cleanup

Under current law, 80% of all unclaimed bottle deposits the state receives goes directly to identifying and cleaning up contaminated sites.

House Bill 5423 would gut this much-needed Cleanup Fund, ripping \$21 million away from cleanup of toxic sites that threaten our waterways and drinking water.

Current Law (2018):

- \$42 million in unclaimed bottle deposits
- 75% to state = \$31.5 million
- 80% to Contaminated Site Cleanup Fund = \$25.2 million

House Bill 5423:

- 40% to state = \$16.8 million
- Restrict to 25% Contaminated Site Cleanup Fund = \$4.2 million

- \$21 million stripped away from toxic cleanup

Contaminated Sites Have Tripled In 2 Years!

January 30, 2018: Snyder DEQ [tells Bridge Magazine](#) there are 7,300 contaminated sites in the state, and “some 3,000” are orphaned

February 6, 2020: Whitmer Budget Director Chris Kolb tells Legislature there are “24,000 contaminated sites” across the state and “only 10,000 of those have responsible parties”

Now, more than ever, we need **MORE, not less, for cleaning up toxic sites**