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## **PLEASE VOTE YES on SB 245-A**

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is a trade association focused on advancing waste prevention and recycling in Oregon. AOR supports SB 245-A.

SB 245-A is the result of a multi-year stakeholder process and represents an important opportunity to reduce waste and increase composting and recycling in Oregon. AOR members have played a key role in the development of SB 245-A, participating in DEQ workgroups and providing ongoing feedback to the proposals. SB 245-A reflects stakeholder input and represents many points of compromise. The bill was amended to address stakeholder comments and represents an effort with broad stakeholder support.

SB 245-A adjusts the tipping and permit fees assessed on tons of solid waste disposed in Oregon to provide stable program funding. These fees have not been adjusted in more than twenty years, and AOR supports this modest adjustment. Restored funding would provide grants and programs for household hazardous waste collection, waste prevention and reuse, recycling, composting, and waste recovery.

SB 245-A is key to implementing *Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action*, adopted by Oregon Environmental Quality Commission in 2012. AOR is committed to achieving a system of sustainable materials management and supports SB 245-A as an important next step.

## AOR supports SB 245-A and urges you to VOTE YES