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Via Electronic Mail

To: House Committee Energy and Environment; Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources;
Senator: Thatcher; **Representatives:** Noble; Post; [and many others]

Re: [SB 90]; [HB 2509] and [HB 2883] need to be re-written.

[SB 90]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB90/Introduced>
Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/42844>

[HB 2509]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2509/Introduced>
Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/42472>

[HB 2883]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2883/Introduced>
Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/43956>

Below are the troubling facts with these Bills.

[SB 90]; [HB 2509] and [HB 2883] should be combined in one Bill and should not be defective. But, sadly, they are not which raises and begs to the high heavens, why all of you are being paid excessive salaries and benefits.

[SB 90]: Contains the following defects. **"Plastic Straws" should be "banned-outright."** NO exceptions and No wavering to the brown-nosing restaurant and industry. Only "Reusable straws" made of paper and or metal should be permitted.

[HB 2509]: Contains the following defects. **"One-use plastic bags" should be banned outright.** No exceptions, even to really, really good Chinese food and other restaurants providing culinary ethnic foods.

[HB 2883]: Contains the following defects. This Bill only deals with "polystyrene products." Expanded Polystyrene (ESP) products are used in insulation products and are omitted from this Bill. Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) products include Styrofoam. **"Styrofoam products used in restaurants and grocery stores should be banned-outright."** Contaminated Styrofoam products with food stuffs and or drink are NOT recyclable. Styrofoam products used in packaging is recyclable but there are better biodegradable materials being used.

All of the aforementioned Bills share common defects-"exceptions for use" and very low "fines." There should be "NO exceptions" and the fines should be based on the modern, everyday variations of medieval methods that were designed to deter prohibited conduct. The "fines" for non-compliance should be designed to be so staggering and "painful" as to preclude any thought of these products being used in the market place.

***You should have included "Plastic Bottles" in a Bill. Even though this product can be recycled and reused, the production rate of this product eclipses the recycled rate and this poses enormous environmental concerns.

Show some environmental leadership for once in your worthless political lives by making Oregon the leader in ZERO WASTE policies and practices. You will note, I intentionally left out the "mattress" related Bills for a reason-I did not want to overwhelm your beleaguered thought processing speed.

Respectfully submitted,
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