



April 4, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: City of Eugene Supports HB 2883- Polystyrene Ban UPDATED for 4/4/19 5:30pm
Work Session.**

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene supports HB 2883 as introduced as this aligns with recent Eugene City Council direction related to the use of polystyrene.

On March 11, 2019, the Eugene City Council voted in unanimous approval, to direct the City Manager to draft an ordinance and schedule a public hearing banning polystyrene carry out containers.

The Council carefully deliberated this issue over the course of two work sessions and based their action on adopted policy including Eugene's 2014 Climate Recovery Ordinance and the Oregon DEQ's Materials Management Vision 2050 plan.

We are currently tracking this legislation, and if passed, will incorporate the statewide standards into the proposed Ordinance. The City opposes the -9 amendments as they not only preempt local action until 2026, but they also create a defacto moratorium by not adopting state wide standards and referring to potential future legislation based on a Task Force's recommendations. Please do not adopt the -9 amendments for they would negatively impact the current momentum in Eugene for moving to reduce the use of polystyrene.

In closing, the City of Eugene supports a statewide standard for banning polystyrene carry out containers, one that does not preempt local communities from enacting their own ordinances. Please vote in Support of HB 2883 as introduced.

Sincerely,

Submitted electronically.

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