

Chair Nathanson members of the Committee

Thank you for your time this morning to discuss HB 3084 relating to Alternative Daily Cover. My name is Jody Snyder, I am the Senior Manager of Governmental Affairs for Waste Connections. Waste Connections has previously submitted written comments regarding this bill via email to the committee. Waste Connections provides solid waste collection, transfer, recycling and disposal services through out Oregon. The philosophy at Waste Connections is that the solid waste service business is a local business managed by professionals living and working in the communities we serve; such as yours. We strive to provide service excellence for those communities that place their trust in our company and are always dedicated to putting our customers first.

Waste Connections owns and operates 2 Solid Waste landfills in Oregon, Finley Buttes and Wasco County Landfill. Within our industry, there are enormous efforts being made toward utilizing alternative technologies to reduce landfill disposal. Utilizing ADC is one such way we preserve landfill space, reduce the reliance on virgin materials, and reduce overall costs to customers. It's a win, win, win.

We are required as landfill operators to place a six-inch layer of cover on top of a landfill every night. A landfill may be covered by either top soil from the surrounding area, or utilize alternative daily cover (ADC). The materials used to create ADC would otherwise be disposed of in the landfill. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approves alternative daily cover designs or procedures. An additional tax would put an unnecessary burden on our customers, likely eliminating any incentive for them produce ADC. Additionally, with less ADC, it requires us to mine virgin soils and increase our operating expenses.

Waste Connections encourages you to vote Aye on House Bill 3084 and prohibit a tax on the use of suitable material other than virgin material for daily cover at a disposal site.



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