



To: Senate Committee on Rules  
From: Tracy Rutten, League of Oregon Cities  
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RE: Support for HB 2509-B

The League of Oregon Cities appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2509-B. We have appreciated the ability to have meaningful dialogue with chief sponsors of the bill and want to extend our appreciation to Representative Janeen Sollman for her time and willingness to engage with LOC on this legislation.

Approximately 17 cities across the state have adopted local ordinances to ban single-use plastic bags. We commend the efforts of these local jurisdictions as we know that these local efforts have required significant time and resources required to engage in public outreach with citizens and businesses. We appreciate that HB 2509-B grandfathers in existing local ordinances that are currently in place. We feel it is important to honor those local processes and the policies that resulted from those efforts.

In addition, we have heard from many cities who are currently considering whether to adopt their own local ordinance. HB 2509-B will enact a statewide single-use plastic bag ban. The LOC has heard from many cities expressing their support for a statewide ban – both due to the environmental benefits associated with the legislation and with the time that will be saved at the local level in terms of cities that will avoid the time and resources required to adopt additional local ordinances. This legislation has been thoughtfully crafted and we, again, have appreciated the careful consideration and dialogue that has resulted in the B-Engrossed version of the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2509-B.

