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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: SB 582 – Relating to modernizing Oregon’s recycling system
Work Session Recommendations

SB 582 directs the Department of Environmental Quality to take various actions to help modernize Oregon’s recycling system, including approval and oversight of producer responsibility organizations. The measure allows DEQ to set a one-time producer responsibility program plan review fee and an annual producer responsibility organization fee. These fees are intended to support the ongoing costs of administering the program.

The measure requires DEQ to conduct several studies, establishes the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council, and the Truth in Labeling Task Force.

DEQ estimates the cost of startup and implementation of the program and the measures various requirements will be approximately \$2,066,088 Other Funds and seven positions (4.50 FTE) phased-in during 2021-23. DEQ estimates that the program will need a total of 10 positions for the 2023-25 biennium.

It is assumed that all costs associated with this program will be fee supported, however because fee revenue will not be collected until March 2024, DEQ will utilize available Solid Waste permitting fees to fund initial program activities. These funds will be loaned from the Materials Management program and will be paid back to the program once fee revenue is established.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A21 amendment which incorporates the -A18 amendment from Senator Beyer that includes outlining certain exemptions and modifies various studies in the bill, and provides the necessary \$2,066,088 Other Funds expenditure limitation for DEQ to implement the measure.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 582, as amended by the -A21 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

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