

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 582

Relating to modernizing Oregon's recycling system

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Sollman

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

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. 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.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 582 be amended by the –A21 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.