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VOTE YES on the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582-B)



The public, private and nonprofit entities above strongly support Senate Bill 582-B, which would implement comprehensive changes to address plastic pollution and modernize Oregon's recycling system.

Action is urgently needed to address changes in materials and markets that have created significant barriers to the sustainable and equitable operation of recycling programs across Oregon. As direct participants in the recycling process, we believe these challenges must be tackled without delay.

SB 582-B addresses these issues by fundamentally modernizing and restructuring our recycling system. Among other improvements, it will:

- **Require producers to share responsibility for the products and packaging they put onto the market.** Producers have the greatest ability to implement changes that can make their products easier to manage. The bill will require them to support improved services, including expanding multifamily recycling and leveling the cost of getting recyclable materials to markets – costs that otherwise would be borne by ratepayers.
- **Ensure an equitable recycling system.** Processing workers will receive a living wage. Collected materials will not be allowed to pollute other communities – domestic or foreign.
- **Reduce confusion and contamination.** A single statewide list of what will be collected for recycling and steps to reduce misleading labeling will provide clarity to consumers and increase the efficiency of recycling operations.

SB 582-B is the product of more than two years of research and broad stakeholder engagement, as well as intensive discussions on amendments over the past several months. **We have been directly involved in these efforts and urge you to carry out the intent of the many partners who have worked together to develop this legislation.**

We strongly support passage of SB 582-B in the 2021 session. Please vote YES on SB 582-B.

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