

I support SB 582 with the dash 1 amendment. It addresses a problem that has been relatively ignored for far too long. Oregon needs a much more effective and efficient system for waste reduction and materials recycling, which this bill as amended provides. I especially support the assignment of producer responsibility for reducing the amount of waste in our State. Manufacturers have had little incentive in the past for making their products and packaging more environmentally friendly. This bill will help reverse that trend. I urge a yes vote on this bill as amended.