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Oregon Progressive Party

Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **SB 847: Oppose**

The Oregon Progressive Party opposes this bill, which would create a Task Force on Bottle Bill Expansion, Access and Transparency dominated by those with vested, commercial interests in bottles.

SB 847 would require that at least 6 of the 15 members of the Task Force have direct financial interests in the production or use of beverage containers. That list could easily expand to 8 members, if the person "with broad national expertise in beverage container redemption" and the person "with knowledge and expertise in Oregon's beverage container recycling and redemption system" are also chosen from the ranks of industries that produce or use beverage containers.

The commercial interests are perfectly able to advocate for themselves. Taxpayers should not be enlisted to assist them.

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