

Testimony on SB 581 and 582

Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

I am writing in support of SB 581 and SB 582

SB 581 Prohibits sale of products that make deceptive or misleading claims about recyclability.

SB 582 Directs Department of Environmental Quality to study and make recommendations for modernizing Oregon's recycling system and provide results of study in report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

Senators, thank you for taking action on these issues and for the opportunity to comment on these bills,

I am in full support of both of these bills to address post-consumer waste, which is building up to monstrously intolerable levels planet wide. I am an inveterate and seasoned composter, re-user and recycler, but since China quite reasonably blocked the path to their country as a dumping ground, it has become a huge distressing challenge to deal with packaging of all kinds. I hope we are all aware of the massive accumulating mess in the ocean and piling up on our ocean floors, and of all of the micro plastics accumulating in all living bodies. Horrific!

SB 581 - Please DO prohibit the sale of products that make misleading claims about their packaging. How about a significant penalty for cheating, too?

SB 582 - Reduction and recycling would seem to me to be a huge arena for innovation and opportunity in our State – if studied and activated with creative gusto, this arena would be a major job and new materials creator. We should take responsibility for our own population's waste production. Let's DO this!

Thanks again for working to address these very important issues!

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