

I am a resident of Portland and a long time recycler. I support SB581 and SB582 because recycling is the most challenging household task I do everyday. It is challenging when I try to read the type of plastic and dispare because I am holding a type of plastic that is not on the approved list of what is recycleable. That goes into a bin that then goes to one of the recyclers in Vancouver or Tigard who supposedly takes that type of plastic. This was not working for me so now I try to not purchase anything that comes in plastic. I am the one tapping the containers in the grocery store. Sounds like glass, I'll buy it over plastic. These choices are extremely limited and it's time that the producers either stop putting everything in plastic or start paying for the recycling.

I support SB581 and SB582-9 AND I am not happy with them. They are the best option we have before us and a better option would be to ban plastics and all products that are not easily recyclable from our supply chain.

The arguements in opposition to these bills are ridiculous. We'll just burn the plastics for energy. First why use lots of energy to make plastic and then burn it to add to the pollution we are already struggling to curtail? Refined fossil fuels (plastics) are not 'clean energy' and should not be considered renewable. I've attempted to repurpose plastics by heating and melting them into other products. The assault on my lungs was not something I need to be a chemical engineer to understand. They are noxious and more toxic than I should have exposed myself to. My favorite objection from the industry from Jeff Koch, president of the American Packaging Corporation, who is quoted in the Oregonian as saying, 'Packaging is not made for just one state, or just one country, for that matter [and Oregon's requirements] may not be compatible with all U.S. or global sales.' This is reason to proceed with this legislation. Oregon can be the catalyst to change all packaging in the U.S. and globally.

Please simplify my life and make sure all packaging is recycleable.