



CITY OF  
**West Linn**

April 19, 2021

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

*Sent via email*

**Re: City of West Linn Support for HB 2395**

Dear Senator Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee,


We are writing to support HB2395, which will assist a key local business and its employees in the City of West Linn.

The Willamette Falls Paper Company continues to operate a mill in the heart of our community. At a time when both environmental concerns and economic vitality are so important to our community, HB2395 strikes the perfect balance. It provides the opportunity to utilize other organic, sustainable, and recyclable fiber options, such as wheat straw, hemp or bamboo, to produce paper. It makes a common sense technical change to the definition of what constitutes a "recycled paper checkout bag" allowing the company to produce bags that would now be compliant with the state definition.

On behalf of the residents of the City of West Linn, we urge your support of this small, but important, change. This proposal is good for the environment, good for consumers, and good for retention and creation of critical manufacturing jobs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jules Walters  
Mayor

Cc: Representative Rachel Prusak, Senator Rob Wagner