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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2955]...as written. An effective, user friendly Hazardous Waste Disposal Program is needed.**

**[HB 2955]** as it is designed and written will cause more problems than it will solve.

I am thankful the discussion concerning Hazardous Waste Disposal is being moved forward.

I hail from a jurisdiction where Hazardous Waste Disposal is very expedient, convenient and cost effective. Hazardous Wastes can be properly disposed of very quickly without waiting in lines for hours and there is "No" fee to do so.

When you design a Hazardous Waste Disposal program you must do the same otherwise, illegal dumping will continue to occur.

The penalties for illegal dumping of Hazardous Wastes should be swift, certain and very severe.

Consider using the Economic Development Lottery money you give Counties to fund Hazardous Waste Disposal.

The State of Oregon's "Regional Solutions" group (which I would completely defund) gives Yamhill County roughly \$800,000 dollars annually for "Economic Development."

Lottery dollars designated for Economic Development could be restricted only to be used to fund Hazardous Waste Disposal and enhanced recycling programs.

But, Yamhill County officials routinely wastes their "\$800,000 Lottery dollars" on ill advised projects enriching a few individuals with little or no return on their investments.

From an Environmental Services perspective; Oregon, unfortunately, is a Podunk backwater.

Without much effort, Oregon could be the a paragon of Environmental virtue-the envy of the world!

**ZERO WASTE** should be Oregon's policy and practice.

**[HB 2955] is a good start but, needs more work.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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