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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 14]...

[SB 14] is a concept to reduce " plastic packaging and plastic food service ware" use.

Unfortunately, [SB 14] is impractical-it will not work and will cause significant disruption in the economy.

I support ZERO WASTE.

What is needed is recycling of all materials and to achieve this goal will require a greater commitment from the legislature than [SB 14] purports.

All plastic products coming into Oregon's vast market places are not recyclable.

I am not sympatric to the creation of the "Stewardship" program because it will not work and is sheer folly.

What is needed for additional discussions to assist the creation of a workable solution is::

- A Moratorium on plastic products entering into Oregon's economy which cannot be recycled.
- A Materials Testing Laboratory.
- Tax incentives for new products and or new uses of recycled plastics.
- A Funding source and yes, the following will be hotly contested; the need to construct and implement a "sales tax" on all "plastic products" entering into Oregon's economy.

Senator Beyer is to be commended for his efforts to reduce plastics from entering Oregon's landfills.

More work is needed and [SB 14] needs to be discarded.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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