



Date: February 21, 2022

To: Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair Fahey, and Members of the House Rules Committee

From: Recology-Valley View Transfer Station

Re: **Support House Bill 4158**

Valley View Transfer Station (Valley View) is one of two transfer stations in Jackson County and primarily serves residents of the southern-most portion of Jackson County and the municipalities of Ashland, Talent and Phoenix. Valley View is appropriately sized for the customer base it serves. Convenience and proximity play a key role in determining where customers choose to discard waste and recycling. It is not common for Valley View to receive customers from Medford or points north of Medford.

Customers can drop off garbage, greenwaste, construction debris and a variety of items for recycling, including electronic waste (E-Waste), which is free to customers. Valley View collects just 20% of the total E-Waste recycled in Jackson County, based on last year's reported numbers.

In addition to many of the concerns voiced by others' testimony today, I'd like to focus on the impact of potentially receiving the other 80% (4x what Valley View currently receives) of the collected E-Waste at Valley View. All customers who visit the site stop at the cashier to assess the waste and recycling being dropped off and if appropriate, pay a fee. At the highest peak times, traffic can be backed up to Valley View Road while waiting to pass by the cashier. Adding additional traffic dropping off the additional E-Waste will increase the wait time for all.

Additionally, more traffic impacts safety on the site with more cars and customers utilizing the current fixed footprint of the site. Valley View's only choice to avoid an unsafe situation will be to hold back vehicles at the entry point until space is freed up for the next customer to drop off their waste or recycling. This will be a very frustrating situation for our current customers that we need to avoid.

Thank you for your consideration. **Recology Valley View urges your support for HB 4158**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Blake', written in a cursive style.

Gary Blake, General Manager
Recology-Valley View Transfer Station