

Plastic Pollution & Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582, 2021) and Other Product Stewardship Programs

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#### How product stewardship programs work





#### **Oregon E-Cycles**

- Created by law in 2007
- Manufacturer-funded
- Over 300 million pounds collected since 2009
- HB 3220A would expand and modernize





## Paint Stewardship Program

- First paint stewardship law in nation
- Purchasers pay fee on each can of paint
- Over six million gallons collected since 2010





## Drug Take-Back Program

- Created by law in 2019
- Manufacturer-funded
- In first year, collected over 65,000 pounds for disposal





#### Mattress Stewardship Program

- Created by law in 2022
- Purchasers pay fee on each mattress
- Currently in rulemaking
- Collections to start in 2024





#### History of the Recycling Modernization Act





#### Shared responsibility for Oregon's recycling



### What's new?

#### Visible changes

- Statewide recycling list
- More recycling opportunities
- Contamination reduction measures
- Reuse and other upstream programs

#### Changes out of the public eye

- Better sorting of recycling
- Responsible end markets
- System stability





#### RMA Major Milestones, 2022-2026

2023

- First rulemaking ٠
- First collection needs assessment
- Contamination reduction research
- Studies for processor funding
- Waste composition study

#### July 1, 2025



Law went into effect

2022

- **Recycling Council convened**
- Truth in Labeling report completed

- Second rulemaking
- Purchasing assessment
- First equity study
- First multifamily needs assessment
- First PRO program plans ٠

- Multi-tenant recycling requirement • effective
- Litter and marine debris needs assessment
- Compostability study

## First Rulemaking

- PRO obligations and coordination
- Local government compensation
- Recycling acceptance lists



## Second Rulemaking

- Permitting recycling processing facilities
- PRO compensation of recycling processing facilities
- Living wages + supportive benefits
- Environmental impact assessment
- Reuse / impact reduction programs
- Covered product exemptions





#### Moving together to 2025 and beyond





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## Thank you

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