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House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment  
900 Court Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for HB 3220 – E-Cycles Modernization**

Chair Pam Marsh, Vice-Chairs Bobby Levy and Emerson Levy, Members of the Committee,

Metro supports HB 3220.

Metro manages the Portland metropolitan region’s solid waste and recycling system, addressing the full life cycle impacts of products and materials, and strives to advance equity to address barriers and eliminate disparities experienced by people of color and historically underserved communities. Metro serves a population of nearly 1.7 million and provides services, including e-cycles collection sites at our transfer stations, and educational resources that protect human health, environmental health and support waste reduction.

We have all experienced the growing reliance on technology and with more technology comes more e-waste. Metro strongly believes that properly disposing of electronics should be just as easy as buying an electronic product. We support HB 3220-2 for the following reasons:

- **It Increases Collection and Convenience.** The convenience standards within Section 3 ensure most of Oregon’s population is close to a collections site, but what is even more so is HB 3220-2 allows any DEQ permitted transfer station to join the e-cycles program if they would like to. That will lead to a huge increase of potential collection sites and more opportunities to recycle this e-waste.
- **It Explicitly Provides Pathways to Reuse.** Electronic Producer Responsibility Organization’s will need to come up with measurable goals for reuse and coordinate activities for reuse programs. We know that recycling is great, but reuse yields better environmental impacts than responsible disposal like recycling.
- **It Values Historically Underserved Communities and Public Awareness.** Electronic Producer Responsibility Organization’s will need to come up with measurable goals for maintaining a high public awareness of the program and engage historically underserved communities to ensure the program is meeting their needs. It is so important that the systems we create have a feedback loop to those they are intending to serve so that the program can continue to be optimized for community members and the public.

Metro had the great pleasure to help craft this bill with our state partners at DEQ and other stakeholders during the interim. We are very appreciative of DEQ’s leadership on producer responsibility recycling programs.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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