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Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE, HR B
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RE: Support for HB 3220-A, An Act Relating to Electronics Recycling; Creating New Provisions.

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 3220-A, which will update Oregon's E-cycles program to reflect best practices in EPR and include updates that have been made to other state E-cycles programs.

The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) is a policy advocate and consulting nonprofit that pioneered product stewardship in the United States along with a coalition of hundreds of state and local government officials. Since 2000, PSI has worked with numerous others to develop extended producer responsibility (EPR) policies for many of the 131 EPR laws enacted for 16 industry sectors.

In 2001, PSI initiated a national discussion on e-scrap management, which sparked an EPA-hosted dialogue; three years later, with Staples and the EPA, PSI piloted the first voluntary retail-based computer recycling program in the country. In 2004, Maine used our model to enact the first electronics EPR law in the country. These were some of the first EPR Laws in the U.S., including Oregon's.

HB 3220-A modernizes the administration and list of covered devices for E-cycles while maintaining the core components that make it a robust EPR program. These updates include:

- An expanded list of covered devices like other updated state E-cycles programs (IL, ME) that includes scanners, DVD players, VCRs, and other electronics.
- The creation of a robust convenience standard that will bring greater stability to the program's collection infrastructure moving into the future.

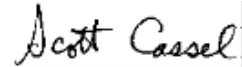
- Administrative changes including the dissolution of the State Contractor Program that bring DEQ's oversight of E-cycles in line with the manner it oversees Oregon's other EPR programs.

The changes in HB 3220-A reflect best practices in the operation and oversight of EPR programs. The changes were also created by what PSI considers a best practice approach of engaging industry, producers, collectors, processors, and local governments.

We respectfully urge the Committee to report out HB 3220-A **favorably**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 236-4822, or Scott@ProductStewardship.US.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Cassel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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