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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court St NE, HR B
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: League of Oregon Cities Support House Bill 3220 A

Cities across Oregon rely on the state-run responsible disposal of electronic waste through the Oregon E-Cycles Program. It is critical that the program provide safe, equitable, and reliable service.

If Oregonians have less convenient or accessible options for these materials that are considered hazardous, and prohibited from going to landfills – they could be mixed with garbage, or worse, illegally dumped.

Key changes to ensure success of Oregon's E-Cycles Program moving forward include:

- Requiring a Producer Responsibility Organization to ensure that 95% of residents are within 15 miles of a collection site.
- Increasing the number of sites required in cities with a population of 10,000 or more, with more sites required based on population density.
- Ensuring that any willing permitted transfer station, landfill, or material recovery facility can participate as a collection site.
- Expanding the list of covered devices making it more convenient for citizens to recycle additional items.
- Improving program stability by requiring a 90-day notice of site changes to existing collection sites and the public.

We must maintain stability of the program on behalf of community members in cities large and small across the state.

The League of Oregon Cities supports House Bill 3220 A because it will make needed updates to Oregon's E-Cycles Program to ensure safe, equitable access, and reliable service for recycling electronic waste.

Thank you,
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