

HB 2960 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the establishment or operation of plastic conversion or depolymerization facilities in Oregon.

Detailed summary:

Defines terms. Prohibits the establishment or operation of plastic conversion or depolymerization facilities in Oregon. Prohibits state agencies from providing any subsidy, grant, tax expenditure, or other incentive to support the development of plastic conversion or depolymerization technologies or to support plastic conversion or depolymerization facilities. Establishes that a producer responsibility organization is not required to pay, and rules may not require payment of, a contamination management fee or a processor commodity risk fee to a plastic conversion or depolymerization facility. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment modifies definitions and references to depolymerization facilities.

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BACKGROUND:

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, approximately nine percent of plastic is recycled annually in the United States. Most of the recycling is manually sorted. Alternative processes for processing plastics uses “waste-to-energy” or “waste-to-fuel” technologies and depolymerization to break down plastic into molecules that can be used for other purposes.