



Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act Implementation Update

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About Materials Management

The 2050 Vision describes how people in Oregon:



Produce and use materials



Conserve resources



Protect the environment



Live well

Materials Management in Oregon

2050 Vision and Framework for Action

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Environmental Quality Commission
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Printed paper, packaging
and food serviceware
(July 1, 2025, start date)



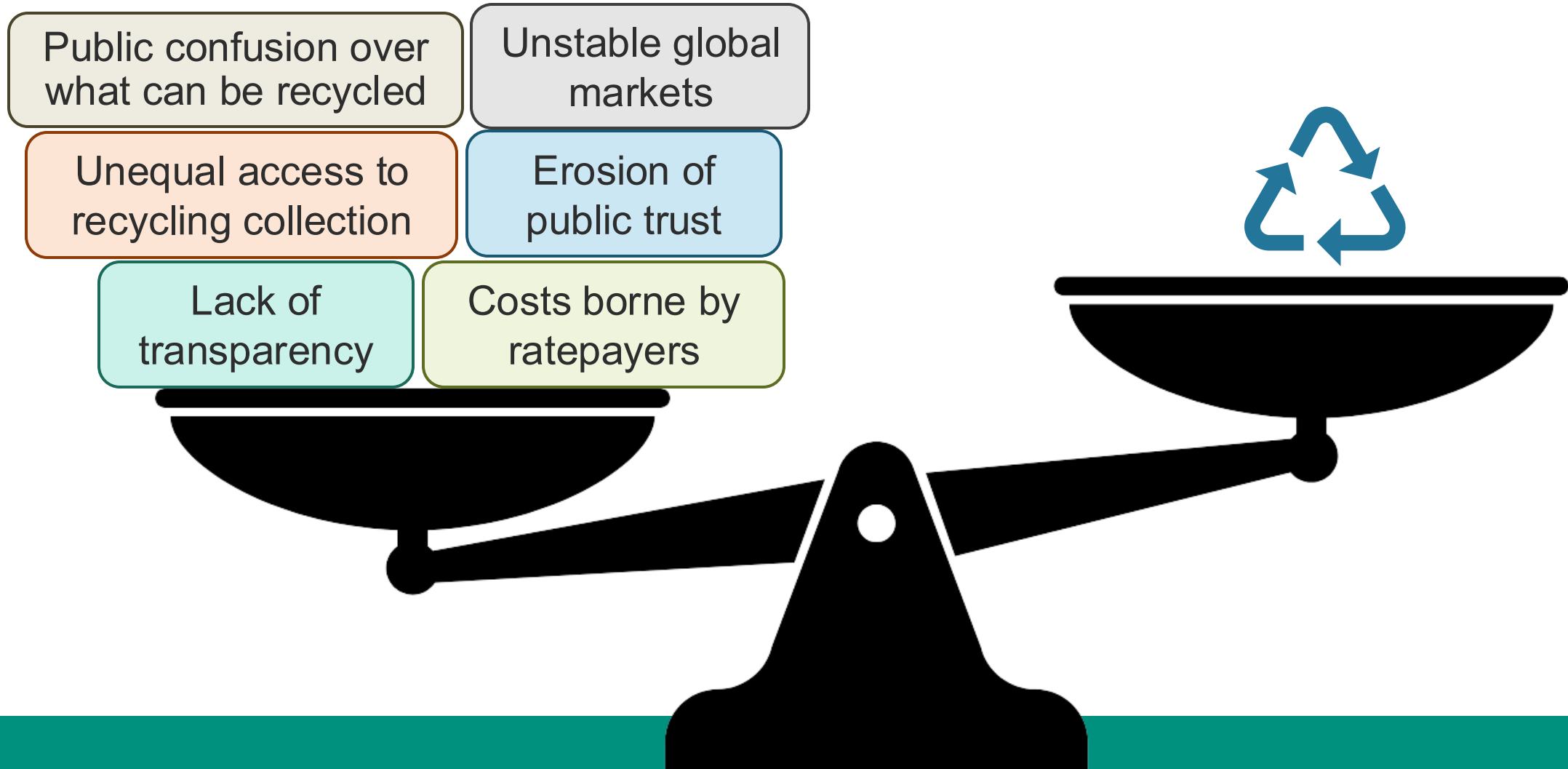
Drug Take-Back Program



Mattress Recycling Program



Why the Recycling Modernization Act?



Five Big Accomplishments of the RMA

Statewide access to consistent and high-quality recycling

Responsible end markets

Social equity

Ecomodulation

Waste prevention and reuse fund

Recycling the Oregon Way



Shared Responsibility

Producers, governments, service providers and community members all play an important role.



Statewide collection list

One recycling list for all of Oregon eliminates confusion.



Expanded recycling services

Funding for new services and programming, infrastructure, and transportation.



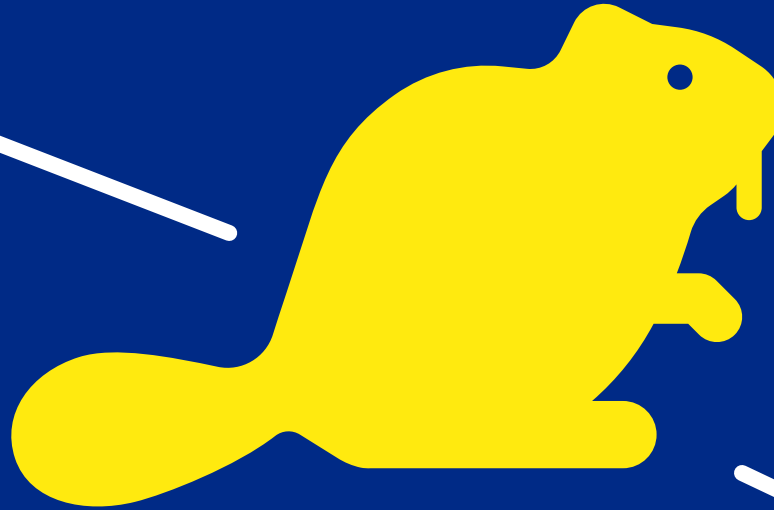
Assurance

that materials are recycled responsibly.

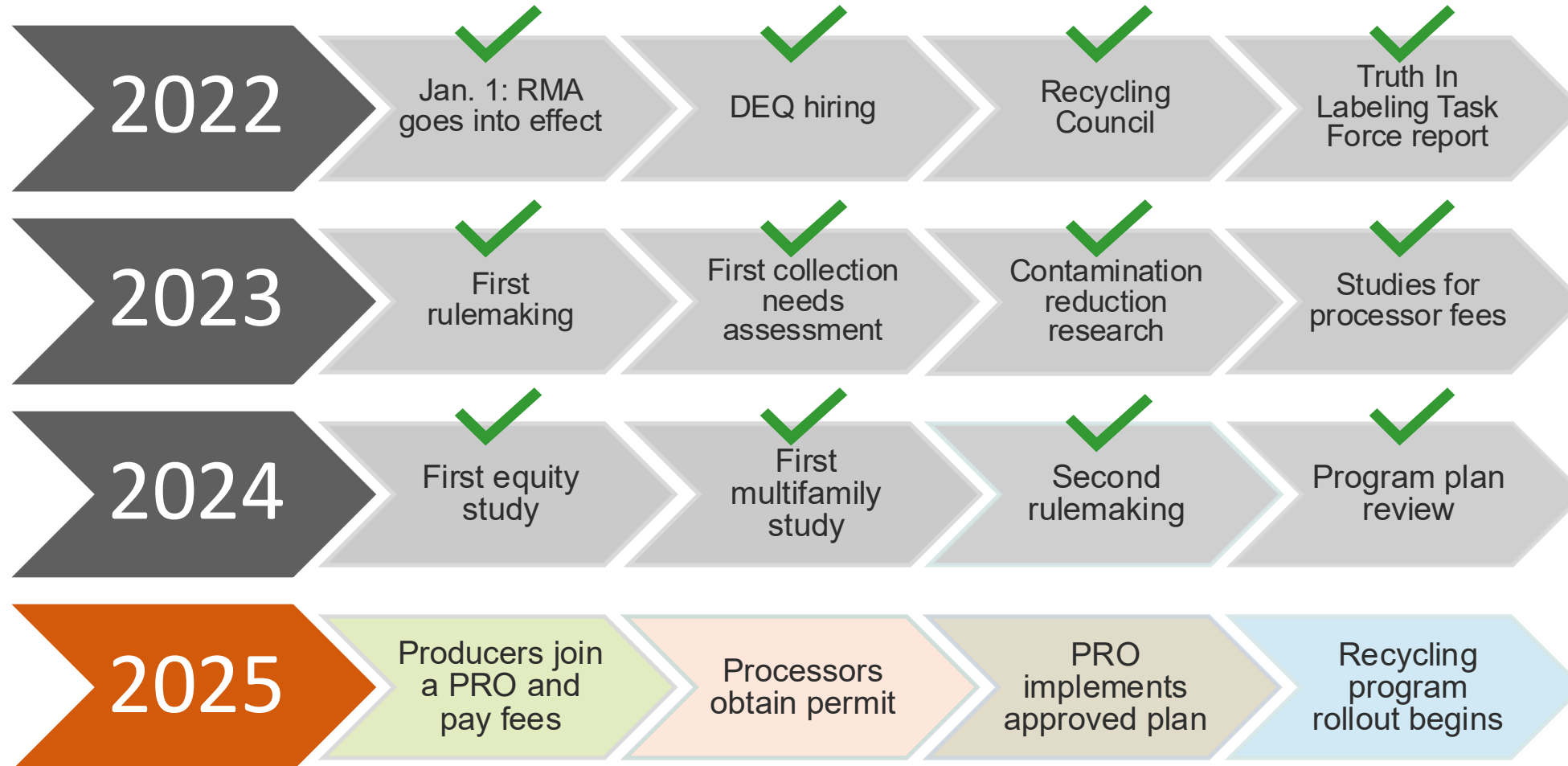


Education and outreach

to help customers understand what can be placed in their bins.



RMA Implementation Milestones



Circular Action Alliance

- Registering producers
- Setting fees
- Funding recycling program improvements
- Developing educational resources and statewide campaigns



Local governments and service providers



- Preparing to:
 - expand recycling services
 - implement new contamination reduction programs
- Entering into funding agreements with CAA
- Six-month transition period provides flexibility

Recycling Processors

- Facilities are permitted and ready to receive recycling
- Facilities will begin receiving funding from CAA this summer to make investments in improved processing capabilities
- Performance standards ramp up over time



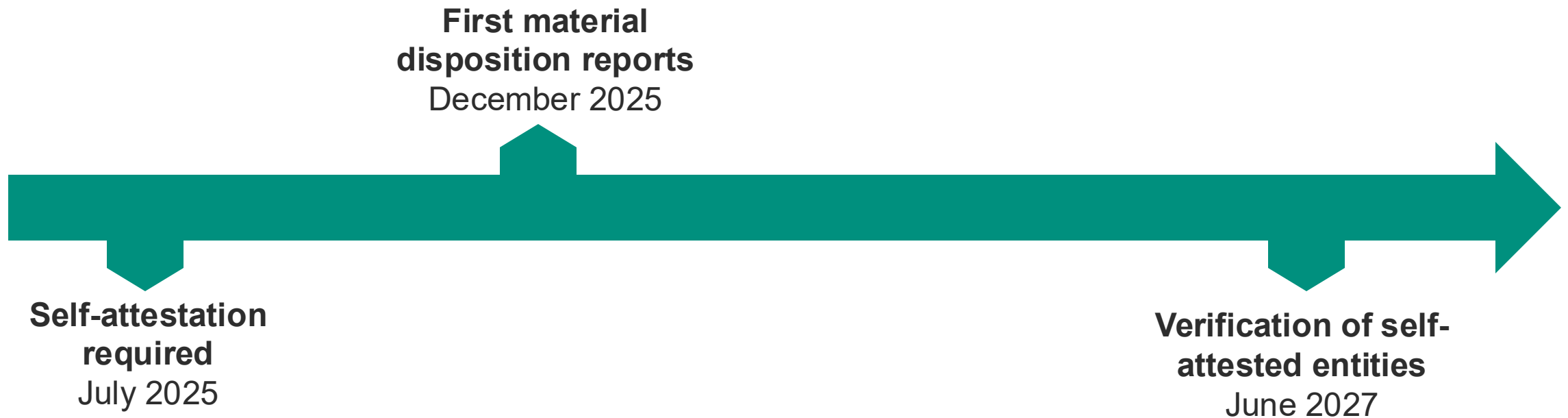
Responsible End Markets

- Recyclables must go to self-attested responsible end markets by July 1
- Markets for over 98% of recyclables have already self-attested and conversations are underway with many others
- Process in place in case there is initial insufficient capacity at self-attested end markets



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Responsible End Market Milestones



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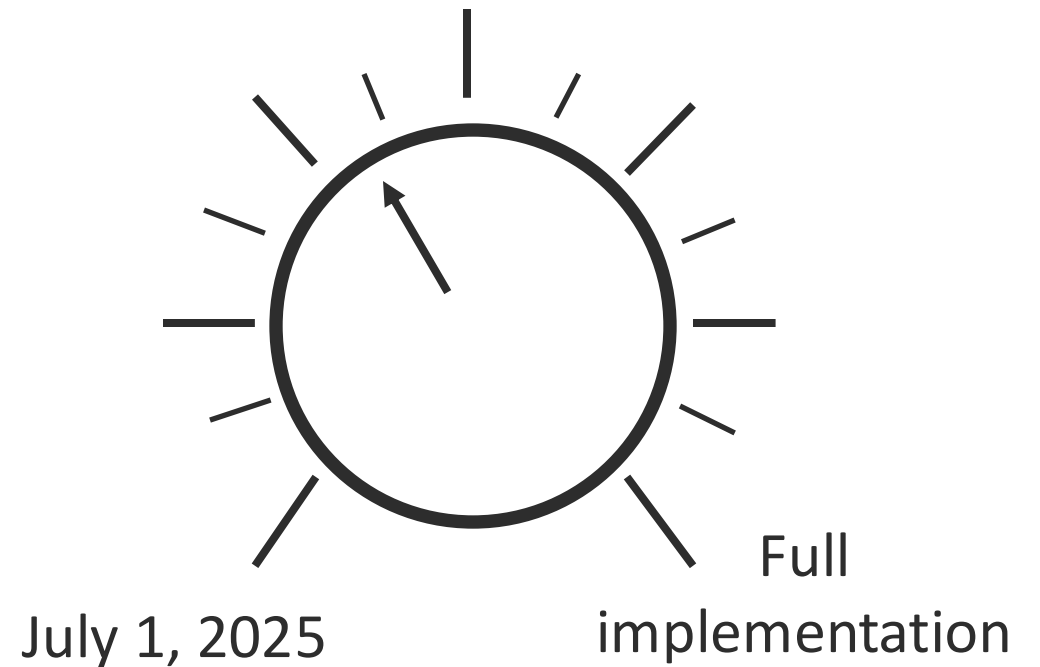
- Issuing processing facility permits
- Supporting local governments in meeting new requirements
- Initiating third rulemaking process
- Planning impact reduction program
- Developing compostability and litter and marine debris studies
- Coordinating with CAA, Recycling Council, and many others



Changes will roll out over time

- Funding starts to become available this summer
- It will take a few years for investments to be made and new programs to come online
- Scale and pace of change depends on where you live

RMA implementation is a dial, not a switch



Thank you!

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