

HB 3794 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the 12-member Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley. The task force shall study and identify solutions for solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley; and review the findings and recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force convened by Benton County. The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide staff support to the task force. The task force shall submit a report to interim legislative committees related to the environment by December 15, 2026. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2026. The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Clean Air Act's (CAA) Title V Operating Permit Program requires each state to develop a comprehensive operating permit program for major industrial sources of air pollution. Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues Title V air quality permits for landfills. The permits establish emission limits and the control of gases at each landfill site. DEQ also issues land quality permits for solid waste and water quality permits for industrial stormwater discharges for landfills.

The regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) Task Force, according to the Benton County website, "was convened by Benton County to explore how to support, promote, and implement sustainable materials management in northwest Oregon." The Task Force began its work in October 2024 and continued meetings in January 2025, with work currently underway. One of the recommended subcommittees for the Task Force to create is related to regional solid waste management.

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