

HB 3794 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 11-1-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Andersen, Edwards, Gamba, Helm, Levy B, Levy E, Lively, Marsh, Neron, Osborne, Owens

Nays: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the 12-member Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley (Task Force). It requires the Task Force to 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 measure requires the Task Force to submit a report no later than December 15, 2026. The Act sunsets the Task Force and reporting requirements on December 31, 2026.

Detailed summary:

Establishes the 12-member Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley (Task Force). Stipulates that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall each appoint two nonvoting members, one from the majority party and one from the minority party. Requires the Governor to appoint eight members to represent the following entities: one member to represent the Governor, one member to represent a private hauler operating in the Willamette Valley, one member to represent the League of Oregon Cities, one member to represent the Association of Oregon Counties, two members to represent environmental organizations, and two members with subject matter expertise in the disposal of municipal solid waste. Requires Task Force membership appointments to be completed no later than 60 days after the effective date of this Act, and requires the Task Force's first meeting no later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act. Requires the Task Force to 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. Allows the Task Force to adopt the findings or recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force. Outlines Task Force meeting requirements, tasks, and member responsibilities. Requires the Task Force to submit a report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than December 15, 2026. Requires Legislative Policy and Research Director to provide staff support to the Task Force. Sunsets Task Force and reporting requirements on December 31, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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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 meeting 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.