

House Bill 3981

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act delays responsible end market laws for one year. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.7).

Delays, until July 1, 2026, the requirement that a producer responsibility organization transfer materials to responsible end markets.

Prohibits, before July 1, 2026, the Department of Environmental Quality from requiring that a recycling processing facility take certain actions with respect to responsible end markets.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to delayed implementation of responsible end market requirements; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 459A.860 to**
6 **459A.975.**

7 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 459A.860 to 459A.975:**

8 (1) **A producer responsibility organization's obligation to ensure that covered products**
9 **collected for recycling are transferred to responsible end markets applies to covered pro-**
10 **ducts collected on or after July 1, 2026.**

11 (2) **The Department of Environmental Quality may not require before July 1, 2026, in a**
12 **permit issued to a commingled recycling processing facility pursuant to ORS 459.205 and**
13 **459A.955, that the owner or operator of the facility market materials to a responsible end**
14 **market or obtain a certification that an end market meet standards for environmental and**
15 **social sustainability.**

16 **SECTION 3. It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that section 2 of this 2025 Act**
17 **delay the requirements related to responsible end markets imposed on any person by ORS**
18 **459A.860 to 459A.975 until July 1, 2026. If this 2025 Act becomes effective after July 1, 2025,**
19 **any enforcement action initiated by the Department of Environmental Quality against any**
20 **person for a violation of ORS 459A.860 to 459A.975 related to responsible end markets oc-**
21 **curring on or after July 1, 2025, and before the effective date of this 2025 Act, must be stayed**
22 **or dismissed consistent with this section.**

23 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.