

Submitter: Tyler McGuyer

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3018

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

My name is Tyler McGuyer, and I am a student coordinator for OSPIRG's End Food Waste campaign. I am writing in support of HB 3018, which will reduce the needless waste of food in Oregon.

The bill would require standardized date labels on food to clearly indicate safety and quality, and require businesses that generate over 500 pounds of food waste each week to separate scraps to be composted.

Personally, I have thrown away food because of confusing labels. This is not surprising, as almost one million tons of food go to waste in Oregon each year. This is unacceptable, and, quite frankly, needs to be decreased. Luckily, the Food Date and Labeling Act will help us reduce the amount of food that is wasted in Oregon. I shouldn't have to be unsure about the quality of my food because I can't interpret the difference between sell by, use by, good until, and expires on. I should be able to easily tell when my food is good, and when it is not.

I urge your support of HB 3018.

Sincerely,
Tyler McGuyer
OSPIRG Students