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Position on Bills at 2025 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 2062: Support



This bill prohibits any producer of batteries or battery-containing products from selling, offering for sale, or distributing batteries or battery-containing products in or into Oregon unless it participates in a battery producer responsibility organization (PRO) that successfully implements a battery producer responsibility program.

At least three states (California, Vermont, Washington) and DC have battery producer responsibility programs in place to collect certain types of batteries, ranging in size, type (rechargeable or not), and chemical makeup (alkaline, carbon-zinc, lithium metal, or lithium-ion). Once the batteries are collected by producers, they are sent to recycling facilities, of which there are only four in the U.S.

The case for this bill is established ably in the testimony of Metro, the Coalition in Support of HB 2062, the Association of Oregon Recyclers, and others.

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