

**Testimony to the House Committee On Climate, Energy and Environment
re: HB 2960****March 18, 2025****Crystal Weston, Environmental Health Program Director
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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Re: Oregon Environmental Council support for HB 2960

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), a non-partisan, environmental nonprofit that works at the nexus of human health and the environment, I want to express OEC's support for HB 2960.

HB 2960 recognizes that depolymerization facilities do nothing to address the use of petrochemicals and plastics in everyday use. "Chemical recycling" emits harmful substances, particularly greenhouse gases.

These facilities actually recycle very little, if any, plastic and require continuous inputs of virgin plastic, while perpetuating the misconception that plastic can be used sustainably.

Reducing plastic production is like eating your vegetables- it may not be as appealing but it's simply what you need to do.

Please vote for HB 2960 and thank you again for considering this important legislation and Oregon Environmental Council's testimony.

Sincerely,

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