

Testimony of Kyung Park, State Affairs Advisor
Testimony on HB 3780
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Metro is the regional government of the Portland metropolitan area, with major responsibility for managing the region's solid waste and providing opportunities for recycling and waste reduction. Along with our city and county partners, Metro serves a population of over 1.7 million, providing services and educational resources that protect the environment and reduce the amount and toxicity of the solid waste stream.

Metro is opposed to HB 3780 and any last-minute legislation that negatively impact the core tenants of the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA). After the RMA was passed in the 2021 session, there has been multiple years of planning, research, rulemaking and engagement meetings to chart out implementation. Removal of products or categories through legislation undermines the multi-year effort to establish programs and sets a dangerous precedent for Oregon's recycling programs.

Metro is fully invested in supporting a successful rollout of the RMA. We have served on various rulemaking advisory committees, technical work groups, and the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council to help refine implementation details. To ensure the RMA is successful, we need to ensure that all producers of products and packaging are responsible for the materials they send into our communities. The RMA includes multiple provisions to limit its impact on small organizations and newspaper publishers, in particular. We believe these provisions allow for needed flexibility without jeopardizing the integrity of the RMA.

We urge your opposition to HB 3780.