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On Behalf of the 350 Salem Oregon
To the Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
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Topic: SB 1067

Greetings Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith and members of the Committee

350 Salem Oregon supports SB 1067

350 Salem is a volunteer organization advocating for a just transition to a renewable energy economy and for community-based resilience in response to the climate emergency.

The reason Marion County was given authority over solid waste generated in its cities was the desire to use all the waste to support the trash incinerator located near Brooks, Oregon. That plant is now closed. There is no longer a need for Marion County to have this authority.

350 Salem was an early proponent of having a Salem Climate Action Plan. The final plan <https://www.cityofsalem.net/home/showpublisheddocument/5348/637801058544930000> has 22 action items related to solid waste (page 226 of 264). Salem could better accomplish these actions with the passage of SB 1067.

The reduction of solid waste and the better management of the remaining waste is an important priority to reduce methane emissions, reduce toxic leachate from landfills and reduce other negative impacts of solid waste. Methane gas has many times the greenhouse effect of carbon dioxide gas. The climate crisis is real. Oregon should take every reasonable action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City of Salem is best positioned to do this with the waste generated in the city.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.