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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3794

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

I am writing to express neutrality on HB 3794 on behalf of the organization Beyond Toxics. Beyond Toxics is an environmental justice advocacy organization working to build community driven leadership across the state of Oregon, where we envision a just society where everyone has access to clean air, water, and healthy food

We support planning for the future of waste management in the Willamette Valley. We believe Oregon needs centralized leadership in shaping the state's waste management due to the gaps created by a decentralized system of waste generation and disposal. Given the population density and changing landscape of waste disposal facilities, the Willamette Valley is an ideal place to begin.

The bill makes no direct call for recommendations or expertise geared towards waste reduction and diversion, which is imperative to meet Oregon's Current waste reduction goals. We hope to see language calling for findings and committee membership that encompasses that expertise. For example, Lane county has partnered with a local company Bulk Handling Systems to create a Material and Energy Recovery Facility that reduces reliance on local disposal facilities as a means to handle waste, and instead finds economically beneficial uses for those materials.

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