



April 8, 2025

House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 3794 Willamette Valley Solid Waste Task Force – Amendments Requested

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Levy, Vice-Chair Gamba & Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Recology, I am writing to weigh in on HB 3794, to create a Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley. As the largest 100% employee-owned company in the resource recovery industry, Recology manages recycling, organic waste, and solid waste collection, processing, and disposal services for urban, suburban, and rural communities throughout Oregon. Recology supports measures that reduce waste, promote circularity, and ensure a safe workplace.

We understand the proponents want to start a conversation around the disposal of solid waste in the Willamette Valley Region. While we support the idea of having more conversations regarding the end-of-life management for the solid waste produced in the region, we believe the bill would be improved with an amendment to add more members to the committee. Recology respectfully asks that the legislature consider adding a couple more industry members to the task force – specifically those that haul to Coffin Butte landfill in Corvallis.

As you can imagine, the waste industry is very interconnected. Local governments make arrangements with industry to help them administer the collection and disposal of the waste and other material coming from residents in the region. It makes sense to ensure all impacted parties are at the table and to that end, we think the task force should include more industry members that engage in hauling and disposal in the Valley.

Recology would also like to see a seat created for the Metro Regional Government given their important role governing the solid waste system in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. While it may be a smaller percentage of their waste coming to Coffin Butte, it is a sizable amount of tons. As the contractor for Metro, running both of their transfer stations, Recology believes these entities should also be involved in any discussions around the long-term future of our regions waste transit and disposal.

For these reasons, we hope the bill can be amended to include more impacted parties. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Garen Kazanjian'.

Garen Kazanjian
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