

April 16, 2025

Representative John Lively  
Chair, House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: SB 551 Beyond the Bag Ban (Support)

Dear Chair Lively and Honorable Members of the House,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Beyond the Bag Ban Bill (SB 551). It was not that long ago, within the last decade that I can remember, when I felt like we were the lucky ones in the country having access to pristine beautiful beaches. That pristine beauty has taken a troubling plastic pollution turn. Seemingly, in a short amount of time.

I don't get out to the coast as much as I would like, but when I do I am shocked at the amount of plastic I see on the beach. The pictures that I am attaching are from a rare beach getaway to Bandon. I was disheartened by the consistent amount of plastic along the shoreline. When I talked to locals they told me that every single day they walk the beach and collect bags full of plastics along the beach. Every day! Not just after a storm, but every day. It doesn't have to be this way. It is within our capabilities to turn this situation around now. We all know the benefits to all creatures big and small to act now in reducing plastics. We really don't need the plastic bags, single use utensils/hotel toiletries. We don't. There are alternatives, there is a better way.

I respectfully urge you, and all Oregon lawmakers, to consider the far-reaching benefits of SB 551 and to prioritize our exceptionally beautiful unique Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,

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Plastic shoreline Bandon





Every Day Plastic Pollution along Bandon beaches