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HB3940

Oregonians recycle more than 2 billion bottles and cans annually, and more than \$200 million in refunds is returned to consumers every year. The Bottle Bill has created a proven, private recycling system that operates without taxpayer funding while delivering nation-leading results. Protect this program.

I oppose HB 3940A and so should YOU! Changing the way the Bottle Bill works to help fund wildfire defense is NOT the right approach. Finding sustainable funding for wildfire management is undeniably important, but there is absolutely no correlation between our Bottle Bill and the causes of wildfire. It doesn't make sense to jeopardize one all-Oregonian environmental solution to solve an unrelated environmental challenge. Taking resources from our Bottle Bill or changing how it operates would break a system Oregonians trust and depend on and threaten a program that benefits every corner of the state. One only has to look at SS benefits to see how robbing Peter to pay Paul is not a solution. Leave it alone!

I urge you to protect the Bottle Bill and all of its far-reaching benefits. Please oppose HB 3940A if it includes any changes to this essential and successful program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Your constituent.