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On Behalf Of: Adams Elementary School Green Team
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3940

My name is Rachel Kirby and I volunteer with the Green Team at Adams Elementary School in Corvallis. The Bottle Bill is one of the many ways that Oregonians can be proud of our environmental stewardship and leadership. I am writing to implore you not to gut this vital program. Not only does the Bottle Program recycle thousands of cans and bottles that would end up in landfills, but it is helping non-profits by providing a funding source for essential projects. The 5th grade members of the Adams Green Team collect and redeem cans and bottles and use the money to symbolically adopt endangered species from the World Wildlife Fund. To date, we have raised over \$1000 and adopted 14 animals including sea otters, whales, orangutans, wolves and octopus. This is not only important for the WWF to continue their important work, but helps to educate the next generation of environmental leaders about endangered species and the importance of saving them. I ask you to vote against this legislation. There must be other ways to fund fighting wildfire than to gut one of Oregon's finest environmental programs!