

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Bailey

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 10, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows manufacturer program or state contractor program to claim recycling credits if the program collects, transports, and recycles covered electronic devices in amount exceeding the program's return share by weight for calendar year. Defines "recycling credit" and specifies how credits may be used. Specifies reporting requirements for manufacturer programs regarding recycling credits. Defines "computer peripheral" and "printer" and includes both within definition of "covered electronic device" for purposes of recycling program. Excludes printers and computer peripherals from ban on disposal in solid waste disposal sites. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal Impact of the measure
- Background on e-waste program and recycling credits

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon E-Cycles, established by Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law (ORS 459A.300-.365), is a statewide program that requires electronics manufacturers to provide free, convenient recycling for computers, monitors and TVs.

Manufacturers must join a manufacturer-run program or participate in state-run recycling program. Each program accepts covered devices through a network of collection sites and services and recycles them under a plan approved by DEQ. Each year, DEQ determines the total weight of devices expected to be recycled in the state in the following year and assigns each manufacturer a portion of that total weight as its return share (minimum recycling obligation). Manufacturer programs must recycle at least the total weight of their participating manufacturers to avoid penalties, but must collect and recycle year-round under their approved plans, even if they exceed that amount. Senate Bill 82 B would allow recycling credits when collections exceed return shares and add printers and computer peripherals to the Oregon E-Cycles Program.