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To: The Honorable Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Chair
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From: Rick Winterhalter, Board Chair

RE: SB 1508 - SUPPORT

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The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is a not-for-profit coalition of individuals, governments, not-for-profit organizations and businesses committed to encouraging waste prevention and recycling in Oregon.

AOR supported modernizing Oregon's iconic Bottle Bill for many years. Last session the legislature passed HB 3145 resulting in the desired modernization. In a few years, Oregonians will see the Bottle Bill expanded to cover nearly all consumer beverage containers. In addition, the bill renewed the state's commitment to achieving high redemption rates.

HB 3145 also preserved an "industry run" system wisely leaving the details of the operations to those best able to do so: Oregon's beverage distributors and dealers.

AOR supports SB 1508 because it contains critical reporting provisions necessary to effectively implement HB 3145. It will provide the information necessary to determine the earliest date to expand the list of containers accepted in the program and whether an increase in the refund value will be enacted.

We urge the Committee to vote for SB 1508.

