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RE: Testimony for House Bill 2938

April 15, 2013

Chair Bailey and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Tillamook County Solid Waste Department, I am writing to you today to provide recognition for Call2Recycle[®], the no-cost rechargeable battery recycling solution.

Tillamook County has been utilizing the Call2Recycle program to properly collect and recycle rechargeable batteries from residents, both at our HHW events and in various locations throughout the county. Working with Call2Recycle during the past six months, we have added an additional five collection sites in the county, through which we have collected and recycled over 135 pounds of rechargeable batteries from the citizens of Tillamook County – thus keeping them out of our landfills.

Call2Recycle has provided us with a no-cost recycling outlet for the batteries collected from our citizens. The turnkey design of the program is such that minimal time is required for our personnel to manage it thus saving us time and money.

Call2Recycle provides the collection kits and covers the costs of transportation and processing of batteries collected at our facilities. Easy access to battery drop-off sites increases customer participation and boosts recycling efforts. The Call2Recycle program is truly a model for product stewardship programs and remains a lynchpin for battery recycling across the state.

We are familiar with the proposed amendments as found in House Bill 2938-3, and support its passage and implementation.

Sincerely,

David McCall

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