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To: The Honorable Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Chair  
Members of the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee

From: Rick Winterhalter, Board Chair

RE: SB 117 - SUPPORT

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. Passage of HB 3145 in 2011 expanded the Bottle Bill to cover nearly all consumer beverage containers in a few years. The bill also renewed the state's commitment to providing consumer convenience and achieving high redemption rates.

AOR's support for modernization has always included maintaining customer convenience. We have been impressed by the new redemption centers OBRC has established in the past several years. They are providing a new level of service to customers and are being well received by the public. SB 117 will enable expansion of the redemption center system to more parts of the state.

Oregon's Bottle Bill is successful in large part because is an "industry run" system leaving operations to those best able to do so: Oregon's beverage distributors and dealers. SB 117 will continue this approach where industry, with the approval of OLCC, can utilize its knowledge and experience to provide Oregonians the convenient services they have been promised.

AOR supports SB 117.

