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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Devlin and Co-Chair Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland has been active in the development and implementation of *Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action*, adopted by Oregon Environmental Quality Commission in 2012. This work represents an important update in resource conservation, and the City of Portland supports DEQ in its effort to address environmental impacts across the full life cycle of materials and products.

Policy Option 132 will enable DEQ to make progress toward implementing this plan, and the City of Portland supports the Department of Environmental Quality's Land Quality Policy Option Package 132.

Policy Option Package 132 will authorize DEQ to use additional fee revenue from permit and tip fees to fund seven existing, unfunded positions. These positions will focus on high-priority projects to improve waste management and recycling systems, reduce toxins, prevent waste, and assist businesses. Many of these projects will benefit local governments through restored and enhanced programs and grants for household hazardous waste collection, waste prevention and reuse, recycling, composting and waste recovery.

The City of Portland strongly endorses Policy Option 132 and urges your support.

Susan Anderson
Director

