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Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the Committee:

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is a trade association focused on advancing waste prevention and recycling in Oregon. AOR supports SB 263-A.

SB 263-A is the result of a multi-year stakeholder process to evaluate potential updates to Oregon's solid waste and recycling statutes. These proposals represent an important opportunity to reduce waste and increase composting and recycling in Oregon. AOR members have played a key role in the development of SB 263-A, participating in DEQ workgroups and providing ongoing feedback to the proposals. SB 263-A reflects stakeholder input and represents many points of compromise. The bill was amended in the Senate to address stakeholder comments and represents an effort with broad stakeholder support.

SB 263-A modernizes decades-old recycling and waste prevention statutes and goals. The proposal expands program options and updates local and statewide material recovery goals. DEQ held public meetings across the state to develop aspirational goals and program elements, and AOR supports these proposed updates.

SB 263-A, together with the adjustment of tipping and permit fees (SB 245-A), is key to implementing *Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action*, adopted by Oregon Environmental Quality Commission in 2012. AOR is committed to achieving a system of sustainable materials management and supports these proposals as an important next step.

AOR strongly supports SB 263-A and urges your support.

Sincerely,

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