



Modernizing Oregon Recycling

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Recycling system issues

- Confusing labels
- Increased contamination
- Higher costs passed on to ratepayers
- Impacts on small and rural communities, and multifamily customers
- Little oversight of processing facilities
- Environmental and social impacts caused by contamination
- Loss of public trust
- Social inequities – access to service and employment conditions
- Insufficient involvement from brands and manufacturers

Recycling Steering Committee

Purpose:

- Optimize the environmental benefits of managing materials using a life cycle perspective.
- Create a resilient recovery system that can adapt to changes in supply and demand.
- Restore and maintain public trust in the system.



Shared responsibility model



PRODUCERS

Finance system improvements and ensure responsible recycling



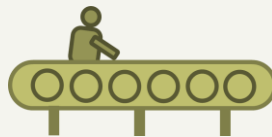
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Maintain local control of collection and education



COLLECTORS

Work with system partners to improve collection access



PROCESSORS

Meet new standards and send material to responsible markets



ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advise on important system elements



STATE GOVERNMENT

Provide strong oversight, enforcement and permitting

Key elements of LC 578

- Truth in labeling
- Consistent recycling collection list
- Expand access to collection
- Plastic packaging goal
- Robust education programs
- New standards for processing facilities
- Responsible recycling requirements
- Protect ratepayers from paying more
- Advance equity throughout system
- Incentivize environmentally beneficial design
- Support litter management
- Fund local reuse projects

Major outcomes



- Decrease public confusion
- Make recycling programs easier to use
- Collect cleaner materials
- Increase accessibility and advance equity
- Ensure responsible recycling
- Increase transparency and accountability
- Optimize environmental benefits



Thank you

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More information:

www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Modernizing-Oregons-Recycling-System.aspx