



OREGON REFUSE & RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

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On Senate Bill 98

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ORRA is the statewide trade association representing solid waste management companies in Oregon. ORRA members collect and process most of Oregon's residential and commercial refuse and recyclables, as well as operate material recovery facilities, compost facilities, and many of Oregon's municipal solid waste transfer stations and landfills. In most communities across the state, ORRA members do this work under the direction of, and in partnership with, city and county government.

Many landfills in Oregon operate gas collection infrastructure to capture harmful gases such as methane and convert that gas into energy that is sold back to the grid or convert that gas into Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) for use as transportation fuels. Additionally, many waste collection companies in Oregon have or are in the process of converting their collection fleets to RNG vehicles.

One of the barriers to capturing more RNG at Oregon landfills is a lack of transmission infrastructure to move the gas from the capture facility to Oregon's natural gas companies. SB 98 would help develop projects to remove some of those barriers. It would also broaden the ability of Oregon solid waste collection companies to purchase RNG for their fleets produced right here in Oregon in an environmentally beneficial way instead of gas mined out of state in less than environmentally beneficial way.

The -2 amendments will expand the ability of SB 98 to be applied in all areas of Oregon and ORRA supports the adoption of the -2 amendments. Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any questions.