

Background on HB 3114 relating to Electronics Recycling

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Oregon E-Cycles is a statewide program, wholly financed by manufacturers, that provides responsible recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. First enacted in 2007, the statute and regulations have been amended over the years including the addition of recycling program credits in 2011 and the addition of computer peripherals and printers in 2015.

HB 3114 changes the algorithm for allocating responsibility across manufacturers. It is a consensus proposal from the consumer technology industry and does the following:

- **Streamlines the allocation process.** Instead of having 2 different approaches for allocating responsibility for television manufacturers and for non-television manufacturers of covered electronic devices, the bill establishes one algorithm for all covered electronic device manufacturers.
- **Reduces administrative burden.** This change establishes the obligation based on recent sales of covered electronic devices (i.e., market share) so the need for extensive sampling and analysis of the return stream is reduced.
- **Fixes quirk in statutory language.** Implementation of the existing law has occasionally resulted in an outsized obligation for manufacturers transitioning from manufacturers of one type of covered electronic device to another, and this quirk is removed.

No other changes are proposed, thus leaving all the core elements of Oregon E-Cycles intact.

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