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# Please Support House Bill 2377

## Implements "Polluter Pays Principle" to Address Environmental Contamination

*from the Desk of Representative*

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HD 43*

The undersigned groups, including members of the Oregon Brownfields Coalition, urge you to vote YES on House Bill 2377, which would make it possible to obtain insurance assets associated with dissolved companies to clean up contaminated sites commonly known as brownfields.

The Oregon Brownfields Coalition is a diverse alliance of more than 50 partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors who, since 2014, have been working to advance legislation that can return Oregon's thousands of contaminated sites to productive use. Brownfields vary widely in size, setting, complexity and redevelopment potential. There is no single tool that will address all of them, which is why the Brownfields Coalition has pursued a variety of policy and funding proposals and is doing so again this session.

Our legislative efforts have generally reflected the "polluter pays principle." In HB 2377, this means assigning financial responsibility for mitigating contamination to parties who were paid to cover the risk of those obligations by those who originally caused the contamination. It is critical that we adhere to this principle, both to ensure fairness and to create the right incentives for responsible behavior.

Thank you for supporting HB 2377.

