

SB 582-1 - SUPPORT

Extended Producer Responsibility is finally achieving popular recognition for being an important tool to manage our out-of-control plastic waste problem as evidenced by 11 other states taking up similar bills, and even a federal bill in the US Senate.

The issue is critical:

-Over a million tons a year of US plastic waste are mismanaged, polluting the world's land, rivers, lakes, and oceans. (Science Advances)

-Only 9% of plastic wastes are recycled. (Science Advances)

-40% of plastics are used just for packaging. (Yale Climate Connections)

SB 582-1 is important because it will:

-Create incentives for industry to design and produce better products.

-Invite industry and producers to become partners and work with us to improve our underfunded recycling collection system.

-Allow Oregon to set a strong example by discontinuing the scandalous amounts of "mismanaged" waste being dumped on developing nations.

Evidence of the destruction of our oceans and environment is growing daily, we must have the courage to do our part. We citizens are relying on you, our representatives, to make the tough, necessary decisions.