



April 8, 2021

The Honorable Lee Beyer
Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Senate
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

(Submitted Electronically)

Dear Senator Beyer:

Sealed Air Corporation is submitting its opposition to Senate Bill's 582-1, which would establish extended producer responsibility program (EPR) for packaging.

Sealed Air Corporation recognizes its responsibility as an industry leader in protective packaging to actively champion solutions to mitigate environmental impacts both of plastic packaging as well as the products they protect. We are actively engaged with multiple organizations around the world to improve recycling infrastructure and invest in new solutions to recover value from waste. Sealed Air announced in 2018 a pledge to advance our packaging solutions to be 100% reusable or recyclable by 2025 and to incorporate an average of 50% recycled content in our packaging.

While Sealed Air appreciates the many amendments the sponsor has made to the bill to make a more workable solution from the original bill, we continue to oppose it as it still gives far too broad authority to the Department of Environmental Quality and Environmental Quality Commission to dictate the terms of the program instead of the Producer Responsible Organization. In addition, the bill is still too focused on current municipal government recycling programs and reimbursement for the status quo, instead of investment in infrastructure to ensure that all packaging is collected and recycled. The complexity of the bill is also still staggering; and for the first of its kind program in the U.S. cannot be a model for a true EPR system for packaging. Thus, Sealed Air opposes SB582-1.

Sealed Air urges the Committee to not vote in favor of the bill. Sealed Air is a member of the Flexible Packaging Association (FPA) and supports its testimony on this bill, including FPA's recommendation for amending the legislation to comport with its Circularity for Flexible Packaging elements detailed with the Product Stewardship Institute at <https://www.flexpack.org/end-of-packaging-life> and work towards a real EPR system for packaging in the state.

If we can provide further information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Alison Keane, President & CEO, FPA, at akeane@flexpack.org or 410-694-0800. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Grill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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