



April 8, 2021

Oregon State Senate
Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301
(Submitted Electronically)

To Whom it May Concern:

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

Amcor (NYSE: AMCR) is a global leader in the development and production of responsible packaging for food and beverage, pharmaceutical and medical products, home care and personal Hygiene products, and much more. Amcor works with leading companies all over the world to protect their products and the people who rely on them, to differentiate brands and improve value chains through a wide range of flexible and rigid packaging, specialty cartons and services. The company is focused on manufacturing increasing lightweight, recyclable and reusable packaging, as well as using an increasing amount of recycled material.

AMCOR is committed to a circular economy for flexible packaging – designing the right package for the product and utilizing less water and energy to do so; emitting less greenhouse gases in the manufacture and transportation of the package; using the least amount of packaging, plastic or multi-materials, necessary for the protection of the product; and creating less waste in the first place. We are also working on solutions for more robust collection, processing and recycling of flexible products as well as sustainable end markets.

While AMCOR 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, AMCOR opposes SB582-1.

Thus, AMCOR urges the Committee to not vote in favor of the bill. AMCOR 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.

In advance, thank you for your consideration. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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