

# Please **OPPOSE** HB 2955

This bill would establish a product stewardship program (PSP) for household hazardous waste (HHW). The legislation directs Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) to approve and manage a new and complex program that **does not guarantee** new collection opportunities.

Our main concerns continue to be that:

**One-size-fits-all does not work.** The legislation provides an expansive list of chemicals without the corresponding understanding of the cost of this to the state, businesses, and consumers. We believe this will result in an expensive program with little benefits beyond what the state can already do.

**Proponents have not demonstrated that this legislation can deliver on their goals.** Proponents have not demonstrated that the broad approach outlined in the bill ensures that the system will produce the most cost effective, innovative, efficient and environmentally protective management systems. Any new law should be carefully designed and implemented to ensure that all of these qualities can be delivered.

**We have effective programs.** Currently, 77% of Oregon counties have access to HHW collection programs. We should not give up on these successes by overhauling the system as proposed, but rather continue to improve on those programs.

**DEQ, businesses, and waste managers are already directed to reduce hazardous waste.** Businesses already reduce waste through current state and federal laws like the Toxics Use and Hazardous Waste Reduction Act and programs like the paint and electronic recycling programs.

**Places civil penalties on small business retailers.** This bill establishes new sales requirements on retailers regarding container labels and new materials to be supplied at time of sale. Failure to comply leaves retailers vulnerable to an up to \$100 per day fine. The bill would also impose a \$25,000 per day fine on manufacturers and stewardship organizations.

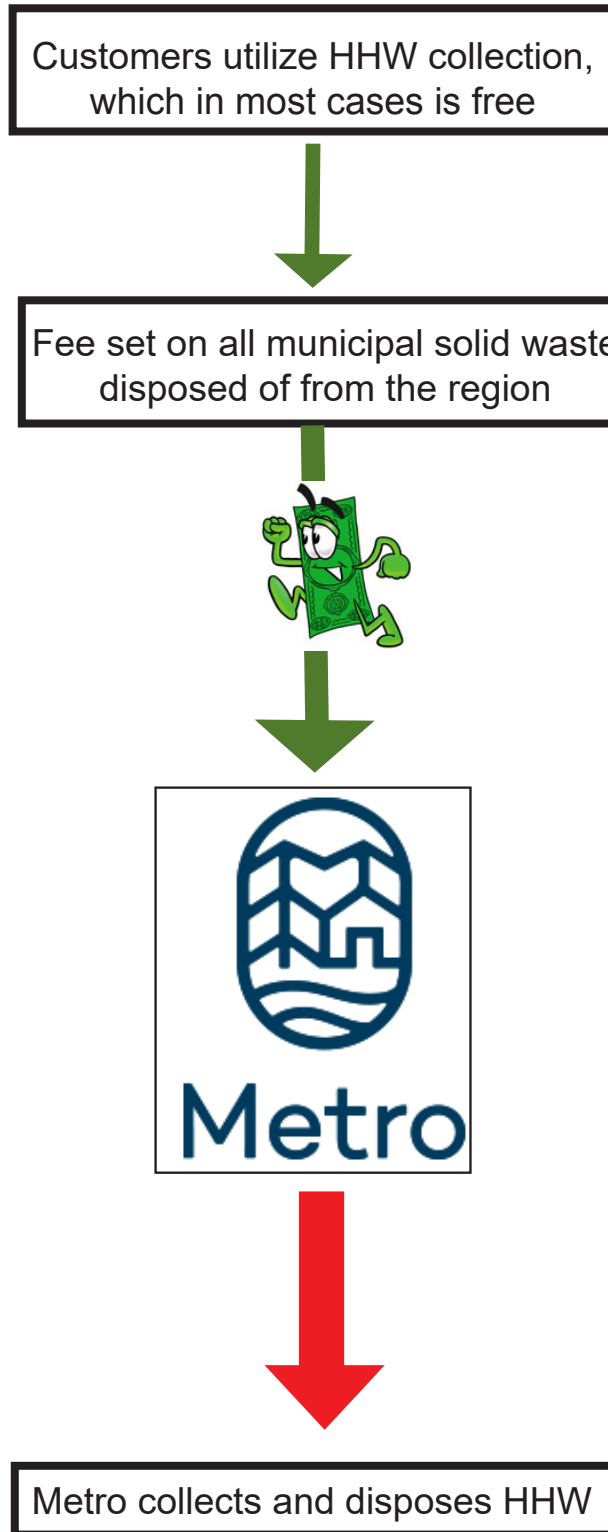
**Please join us in opposing HB 2955.**



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# Current HHW System



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# Proposed Product Stewardship for HHW

