



February 11, 2021
House Energy and Environment Committee

Re: HB 2955 – Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program - Support

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and members of the committee:

Recology appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2955, which would create a statewide household hazardous waste stewardship program.

Recology is an employee-owned integrated resource recovery company that has operations around the state, operating transfer stations and compost facilities and providing regional residential and commercial hauling services. Recology promotes recycling, composting, and other waste-reduction programs to minimize the amount of materials sent to landfills.

Across the state, local governments and the State of Oregon have developed and funded collection services to help their residents properly dispose of these wastes. However, resources are limited and not all wastes are being collected. The financial burden on solid waste ratepayers to provide these services is already significant; expanding service levels is not really an option. Some portions of the state have very little collection service.

We support the efforts to create new mechanisms for keeping household hazardous waste (HHW) out of the waste stream to ensure the safety of our employee-owners. Requiring producers of HHW to help fund these programs lessens the burden on local jurisdictions and will help expand the critical services jurisdictions provide today.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2955.

Sincerely,

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