

I urge you to pass SB 582-1 now, as the problems it will solve are only going to get worse and worse. Recycling costs are rising, plastic pollution from Oregon's packaging waste is mounting, public confusion is putting trash in our recycling, and it is about time producers take responsibility for their trash. We as community members and ratepayers have been shouldering the burden alone too long. Key elements in the bill of particular importance are protecting workers in the recycling industry, ensuring equity in service for people in apartments and rural areas, and assuring responsible recycling from bin to new product. It is time for Oregon to modernize our recycling system, equitably, Now!