

I am a life long Oregonian and am dismayed at what is happening to our environment regarding our use and disposal of plastics. Oregon has always been in the forefront of recycling and there is a desperate need for us to implement additional restrictions with respect to the making and disposing of plastics. Seeing the images from Asia where so much of what we ship over there ends up in the ocean is a disgrace. Our sea life is ultimately endangered also.

The simple act of recycling is not working to alleviate the problem. Industry needs to step up and be responsible for revisiting how packaging is done across the spectrum and work with government to alleviate this problem. When I buy something that is overpackaged, I am frustrated knowing that I am adding to the problem.

I am doing my part in many ways to minimize my waste. I shop with eco bags, I compost food scraps, I recycle paper, plastic, metal, and glass. I urge you to do the right thing and support SB582. Industry will be lobbying to oppose this bill but it's the right thing to do for the benefit of Oregonians, and in fact, for the earth.

Thank you,

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