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Re: Support for HB2955

Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment:

The North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) is a non-profit, membership-based association of individuals, businesses, government officials, and non-profit organizations, including several active members in Oregon, that are dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the toxicity of municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities.

As an organization NAHMMA strongly supports product stewardship legislation for hazardous products, such as that currently under consideration in Oregon for a range products that are commonly received in HHW programs. Many of our members operate and fund HHW collection programs, and we work hard to prevent impacts to public health and the environment. Product stewardship programs can provide comprehensive solutions for the proper management of wastes at the end of their useful life, protecting health and the environment while lifting a tremendous financial burden from the local governments who are currently managing these wastes.

This bill is consistent with NAHMMA's Policy Statement on HHW Stewardship Legislation (attached) and we respectfully urge your support of the bill, which would provide for first-in-the-nation legislation that would greatly reduce costs to local governments, increase collection opportunities, and reduce improper disposal of hazardous material from homes.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Hodge President North American Hazardous Materials Management Association