

Part of the reason I moved to Oregon twelve years ago is its long standing commitment to help the environment. SB582 is the best proposed legislation I have seen in some time, and it is sorely needed to protect our planet. There are currently 1.8 trillion plastic fragments drifting in the northern Pacific, and over 90% of seabirds have plastic in their stomach, according to David Attenborough. That alone is enough to make citizens wonder what our political leadership is doing to promote a clean environment.

Poor labeling by industry has everyone confused about what is recyclable and what isn't. It is past time for Oregon legislators to be leaders in this area, and pass a comprehensive bill that could not only help our state, but could be a model for other states to follow. It would give Oregonians something to be genuinely proud of.

I try to do my part by sorting my waste, and purchasing products that leave the smallest footprint, but this doesn't do enough if businesses and stores continue to produce and sell materials with excess packaging.

Please vote to approve this bill and show your desire to support Oregonians working for a clean environment.