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To: Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair Fahey, and Members of the House Rules Committee

From: David McCall, Mayor, City of Bay City

Re: **Support House Bill 4158**

The geography of Tillamook County is such that Tillamook is the center of much retail activity, and as such Tillamook is the primary place where people purchase new electronic devices (or online). Consumers regularly drive to Tillamook for work, shopping, and entertainment.

Over the past decade, consumers in Tillamook County have been able to conveniently dispose of potentially hazardous e-waste materials at the Tillamook Transfer Station, operated by Don G. Averill Recycling. The Goodwill in Tillamook also accepts some e-waste materials at their store, though not nearly as many types as at the transfer station.

NCER, the operator of the State Contractor Program, has chosen to drop the Tillamook Transfer Station from its contracted partners in 2022.

It is *inconvenient* and *illogical* to send consumers wishing to recycle their e-waste away from the Tillamook Transfer Station, which is a full service recycling center, and instead to Goodwill or another transfer station located 40-50 minutes away.

HB 4158 provides an urgent short-term technical fix to Oregon's E-Cycles Program. The bill allows DEQ to change the projected goal of materials estimated to come into the program in 2022 and retain existing collection sites that are being dropped from the program on March 1, 2022.

I urge you to pass HB 4158 so that this disservice to Oregon consumers can be avoided.

Sincerely,

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