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Re: Support for House Bill 4158

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

The City of Waldport implores you to support House Bill 4158 regarding E-waste collection sites, known as the E-Cycles program. I'll put it as bluntly as I can – DEQ's closure of these sites will result in that e-waste polluting the standard waste stream, or very likely, it will end up in the back roads and streams in our rural community. Where you fish. Where you hunt. Where you recreate.

I spent 23 years in IT for Oregon State University, and recognize how quickly even small offices generate large amounts of electronic waste. Additionally, the growth of modernization of every gadget and device has turned everything in our homes into eventual electronic waste these days, with virtually no ability to repair. We are only seeing the tip of the iceberg with this issue at the moment. It will become a crisis within the next decade and the amount we are concerned about today will seem trivial. However, that simply reinforces that we need to shore up the E-Cycles program now; and ensure that the e-waste collection sites are supported and strong.

We have ONE chance to get this right – to ensure all of our citizens develop the habit of good electronic waste disposal. We miss that, and you will be spending millions later to teach people how to use sites like these in the future. Money that could go to addressing the problem itself. And millions more spent cleaning up the pollution of this electronic waste displaced by the closure of these sites. Pennies now or dollars in the future.

We urge support for House Bill 4158.

Sincerely,

Dann Cutter, City Manager
The City of Waldport