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There is so much confusion on whether or not people are allowed to bring their own containers for bulk filling at grocery stores and for takeout or leftover food at restaurants. Please clear this up and allow consumers to do our part to reduce waste. Taxpayers bare the burden of maintenance and building of landfills so we should also be able to reduce this waste where possible, so please make it legal to do so. Please direct the State Department of Agriculture and Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules allowing consumers to use own containers for refilling with food at food establishments and allowing food establishments to reuse take-home food containers returned to restaurant by consumer. I also ask for rules to be explicitly clear for bulk sections of the grocers and outline legality of bringing one's own containers.