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RE: Comment in Support of the Proposed Amendments to Oregon House Bill 3220 (2023)

Dear Chair Pam Marsh, Vice Chair Bobby Levy, Vice Chair Emerson Levy, and House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment:

We, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, appreciate this opportunity and your time in considering our comments in support of Oregon House Bill 3220 (2023) (HB 3220-2). The Oregon E-Cycles program has been in place for over a decade and has been a very successful way for citizens in Jackson County to dispose of their electronic waste (E-Waste) safely and conveniently. E-Waste has been banned from landfill disposal sites since 2010. In late 2021, the largest collector of E-Waste in Jackson County under the Oregon E-Cycles program, Rogue Transfer & Recycling (RTR) in White City, was put on notice that, within 30 days it would no longer be eligible to participate as an E-Cycles collection site. Had quick action not been taken to effectively require that collection from existing facilities continue through 2023, it would have displaced over 600,000 pounds of E-Waste in Jackson County alone; however, this was only a short-term technical fix. The public was assured that the problems that threatened the viability of the program last year, and in particular the need for ongoing convenient and stable access for rural Oregonians, would be remedied in the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session.

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HB 3220-2 proposes provisions that address the instability and access issues by:

- Removing the year-to-year uncertainty about the program by eliminating the State contractor program and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) collections determination process, which ultimately set a limit on how much could be collected and paid for annually.
- Ensuring the stability and accessibility of the program by raising the minimum number of collection sites required based on population density, and allowing all permitted solid waste facilities, often perceived to be convenient drop off locations in rural parts of the State, to opt-in to the program.
- Improving stability, resiliency, and equitable access to minimize collection disruption by requiring 90-day notice of site changes to existing collection facilities and the public.

Jackson County thanks you for your consideration and urges your support of HB 3220-2.

Sincerely,

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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