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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3220: Oregon E-Cycles - Support

Chair March, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3220 with the -2 amendment.

My engagement with developing producer responsibility legislation for used electronics dates to 2001 when I participated as a representative from local governments to a national dialogue on managing e-waste sponsored by the federal EPA. I worked for Metro regional government at that time.

While those discussions did not lead to national legislation, they provided the impetus for the passage of extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for e-waste in many individual states. I helped develop Oregon's E-Cycles EPR law which passed in 2007. Oregon's law was among the first and has been one of the most successful in the nation, collecting millions of pounds of electronic devices, keeping their toxic substances from the landfill, and recycling valuable resources.

Providing all Oregon residents with a free and convenient means of recycling their used electronics has been a fundamental objective of the program since its beginning. Recognizing that residents had more devices needing to be managed, the legislature expanded the program in 2011 to include printers and some peripherals.

HB 3220-2 follows along that path by increasing the types of covered devices that will be collected by the program and ensuring producers provide convenient, reliable, and equitable services across Oregon. HB 3220-2 also eliminates the state contractor program. This an important change that properly focuses the state's role in the program on ensuring producers comply with regulatory requirements and providing responsible management of the collected electronic devices.

Oregon is a national leader in adopting EPR programs. HB 3220-2 is a good example of how EPR programs can be adapted and modernized to reflect the changing nature of consumer products and our understanding of what's needed to ensure all communities and residents receive equitable access to recycling services.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 3220-2.

Thank you,
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