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Senator Janeen Sollman, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Re: Support for HB 3220A

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HB 3220A.

Rogue Transfer & Recycling (RTR), a solid waste and recycling transfer station in White City, has been collecting electronic waste (e-waste) from the citizens of Jackson County since 2008. In 2010, Oregon enacted a landfill disposal ban on e-waste (computers, electronics, laptops, and TV's). In 2020, RTR collected more e-waste than all other collection sites in Jackson and Josephine counties combined. RTR has long been recognized as a convenient, stable, safe, and efficient location for Jackson County residents to access the Oregon E-Cycles program.

Since its inception, the E-Cycles program has grown, and the consumption and variety of consumer electronics have changed significantly over time. These changes have put pressure on a system that was designed nearly two decades ago, and has been sorely in need of an update, as became evident in late 2021, when the system very nearly failed us in southern Oregon. To avoid major disruption for residents of Jackson County, and the subsequent displacement of over 600,000 lbs. of discarded e-waste, we worked with our legislators, regulators, and local jurisdictional and community partners to help us find a short-term solution. Representative Pam Marsh was instrumental in helping us negotiate that short-term solution and set the table for a more sustainable path forward in this legislative session.

HB 3220A is the culmination of DEQ's work over this past year to gather information from stakeholders, from local governments and their solid waste management partners to e-waste processors and representatives of the consumer electronics industry, to create a more stable, convenient, and accessible program. Rogue Transfer & Recycling actively participated in this process, and is grateful to DEQ, the Product Stewardship Institute, and all the stakeholders who participated in this meaningful and constructive effort.



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Some of the key provisions of the bill that we see as significant improvements include:

- Allowing permitted solid waste collection facilities to opt-in to the program automatically. Solid waste facilities, especially in rural parts of the state. The public relies on these sites for convenient access to the E-Cycles program.
- Fairly compensating collection sites to cover their operational costs to collect E-cycles program materials.
- Adding additional types of electronic devices to the program, increasing recycling opportunities for consumers.
- Supporting reuse opportunities by allowing collections sites to recover devices for reuse and requiring PRO coordination with recycling and reuse programs.
- Increasing stability of the program by requiring 90-day notice if a collection site is proposed to be closed, to allow time to assess how other existing sites will be impacted and provide ample notice to the public.

Rogue Transfer & Recycling appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3220A and believes that it will help to ensure the stability and convenience of safe and responsible management of e-waste under a much-improved Oregon E-cycles program. **We thank you and urge your support for HB 3220A.**

Respectfully,

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