

Transparency and Accountability

1. How were producer fees under the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act determined, and why hasn't that process been made public?
2. How is the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Circular Action Alliance (CAA) ensuring transparency in how collected fees are allocated and spent?
3. Why are producers not given access to the underlying needs assessment or supply data used to develop the budget and fee structure?
4. How can producers accurately plan future budgets without clear visibility into how their fees are calculated or expected to change?

Impact on Consumers

5. The stated goal of this law was to shift recycling costs from consumers and local governments to producers. Should Oregonians expect a reduction in their trash or utility bills as a result?
6. If consumers' bills don't go down—and product prices rise—would you agree this law effectively causes consumers to pay twice: once through local utility bills and again through higher grocery costs?

Input from Oregon-Based Producers

7. What specific opportunities exist for Oregon-based and regional businesses to provide input or feedback as the RMA is implemented and adjusted?
8. How is the state ensuring that local companies—not just national or multinational producers—have a meaningful voice in shaping program decisions?

Business-to-Business (B2B) Exemptions and Transport Packaging

9. Why was the exemption process for business-to-business and transport packaging developed so late, and why were producers required to provide retroactive documentation without clear prior guidance?

10. Given that data shows transport packaging rarely enters Oregon's recycling system, why weren't similar reviews conducted for other B2B material categories before assigning fees?
11. How will DEQ and CAA prevent fees from being unfairly assessed on materials that never enter the state's recycling stream?

Food Packaging and Safety

12. How is DEQ coordinating with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the FDA to address food packaging that is essential for food safety?
13. Are there plans to re-evaluate fee structures for food packaging materials where no safe or feasible alternatives currently exist?
14. How will the state ensure that food producers are not unfairly burdened with higher fees for materials required by federal food safety laws?