

SB 551 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Carrier: Rep. Andersen

Action Date: 05/15/25

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 8-1-2-0

Yeas: 8 - Andersen, Edwards, Gamba, Helm, Levy B, Levy E, Lively, Marsh

Nays: 1 - Osborne

Exc: 2 - Owens, Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/29, 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the definition of "single-use checkout bag" and prohibits retailers and restaurants from providing reusable plastic or fabric checkout bags to customers as of January 1, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unintended consequences of past related legislation
- Impacts of plastics on the environment
- Single-use plastic product alternatives
- Potential for Oregon timber and milling industries to replace plastic bags with paper bags

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes prohibition on food and beverage providers or convenience stores from providing single-use plastic utensil or single-use condiment packaging to consumer unless requested. It also removes prohibition on a lodging establishment from providing personal health or beauty products in a small plastic personal health or beauty container, plastic wrapper, or any other single-use plastic packaging unless requested.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly enacted [House Bill 2509](#), which prohibited retail establishments and restaurants from providing single-use checkout bags to customers. Under current law, retail establishments are authorized to provide recycled paper checkout bags, reusable fabric bags, or reusable plastic checkout bags if they charge a fee of no less than five cents.