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I fully support SB 551 and feel strongly that this bill is needed legislation. Plastic pollution is one of our largest environmental problems. Birds, turtles, and countless species of marine life are impacted by the growing plastic pollution problem. The latest health information is that micro-plastics are found in human blood and may be affecting our health. As a science and health teacher in Bend, I feel obligated to advocate for the future of the students I teach. We need to curb the production of plastic. An easy step in the right direction is by passing this bill. Plastic bags, plastic forks, and plastic mini-shampoo bottles are not necessary and we can easily live without them. This bill makes a lot of sense and does not cause hardship for people. In fact, it will even save the restaurants money!  
Thank you for prioritizing the passage of the common-sense bill.