



THE BUREAU OF
**PLANNING &
SUSTAINABILITY**

February 12, 2025

Senator Sollman, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
Re: Support for SB 551

Dear Chair Sollman and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability strongly supports SB 551. Single-use plastics are a major source of pollution in our streets and our natural recreation areas.

SB 551 updates current restrictions on single-use plastics, to avoid the practice of using a thicker plastic bag as a single-use bag, expands the straw by request to include utensils and condiment packaging and encourages larger reusable containers for our guest visits at hotels and other lodging establishments.

To ensure effective implementation, we encourage state-wide single-use plastic reduction policies to have an enforcement component through Oregon Health Authority, Department of Agriculture or another agency that currently has inspection authority over businesses providing single-use plastics.

We've been working diligently with the Oregon DEQ and partners throughout the state to implement the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act, which will clean up our recycling system of non-recyclable plastics. We urge you to continue to focus on prevention of single-use plastics, through actions like SB 551, to complement PPRMA to help Oregon clean up and prevention plastic pollution.

Thank you,

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