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I was one of the many who reused single-use bags from the store to take my lunch to work or transfer goods from one person to another. I had to retool my storage when they were banned because the new bags are thicker and don't store as well. The current law is flawed as it creates a higher opportunity for illness, and this proposed change would worsen it. By forcing Oregonians to go to personal reusable bags, people with poor hygiene will likely cause the sharing of microbes that wouldn't be present if they hadn't brought their own bags. Microbes such as residual salmonella from not washing bags after transporting meat.