



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 4144 - A

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SUMMARY

Digest: This Act says that makers of batteries must carry out a plan to collect and recycle batteries. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Requires producers of batteries or battery-containing products to join a battery producer responsibility organization and implement a battery producer responsibility program for the collection and recycling of batteries.

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to administer and enforce requirements of the Act.

Establishes the Battery Producer Responsibility Fund.

Imposes civil penalties for violations of the Act.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure allows a covered producer or battery producer responsibility organization that submits information or records to the Department of Environmental Quality, as part of a program for the collection and recycling of batteries, to request that the information or records be made available only for the confidential use of the department. If the department grants the request, those records become confidential and are not subject to public disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478, with the exception that the department may disclose summarized information or aggregated data if the information or data does not directly or indirectly identify the confidential information of a specific covered producer or battery producer responsibility organization.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain access to confidential information about the operations of covered producers or battery producer responsibility organizations participating in battery producer responsibility programs in this state.