



HB 4144 Providing for the Safe and Responsible Management of Batteries



Safer Management of Used Batteries, More Convenient & Accessible Collection, Recycling & Resource Recovery, and Saving Money for Local Governments in Oregon.

61 fires at Metro transfer stations
35 recovered a battery as the ignition source
23 had characteristics of a lithium battery fire but did not recover an ignition source
3 identified an ignition source other than a batteries



Worker safety and critical infrastructure

Sparking battery



Battery-caused fire at Short Mt. landfill





Multistakeholder process

- Local Governments across Oregon
- Solid waste industry across Oregon
- Battery industry (PRBA)
- Potential PRO (The Battery Network)
- Consumer Technology Association
- Toy Association
- Specialized Battery Recyclers

HB 4144 bill elements

- Primary and medium format batteries included
 - Excludes BESS, EV, lead acid, medical devices, and battery containing products
- No fees at point of sale, Fully funded by producers
- Ensures 95% of residents are within 15 miles of collection site
- At least one collection site per city of 4,000 or more
- Education and outreach requirements
- Collection rate, recycling efficiency and public awareness goals
- DEQ report back to legislature with recommendations on battery containing products



HB 4144 Changes from last session

- Worked with PRBA, battery producer association and fine tuned the bill between sessions
- Worked with the medical device association on exemption language



Garbage & Recycling Industry

The Problem:

- Widespread increase in battery-caused fires in past decade
- Places lives and communities at risk
- Damage or destruction of critical equipment and facilities
- Insurance cost increases and threat of cancellations





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