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Food Northwest represents the food processing industry in Oregon and adjoining states of Washington and Idaho. On the original version of HB 4030, Food Northwest maintains a neutral position.

As to Amendment number 1, Food Northwest supports this change to the Recycle Modernization Act to exclude business-to-business packaging since those materials typically do not enter the public opportunity to recycle system and are managed by businesses through private recycling arrangements. Business to business packaging is also excluded by other states with EPR programs and this change would harmonize Oregon's program with those states.

Food Northwest also supports Amendment 6 to pause implementation and fee collection for the Recyclizing Modernization Act due to the recent injunction enacted by Federal Court in Oregon pursuant to a claim by the National Warehousing Association. Until there is a final resolution of that legal claim, all producers face uncertainty and potential to overpay fees to Circular Action Alliance.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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