

REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: 3/17/2022

LENGTH: 25 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Update on State Legislative Session and Federal Legislation

DECISION TYPE: Informational

RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS: Goal 5; Goal 10

PRESENTER(s): Pam Peck, Scott Klag and Tyler Frisbee

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

The purpose of this presentation is provide a brief update on the result of the recently concluded state legislative session and an overview of federal legislative efforts of potential interest to WPES.

ACTION REQUESTED

This presentation is informational and no action is required at this time.

BACKGROUND

Staff has previously provided information to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee about Metro's legislative agenda including details on specific measures Council was supporting. We have also provided more detailed information about producer responsibility legislation which has been an important part of WPES and Council's legislative agenda over the past several years.

The 2022 session was limited in time (35 days) and the number of bills introduced. The presentation will focus on the key bills we followed: producer responsibility (EPR) for mattresses; modifications to the Bottle Bill; and evolution of an existing task force into an Environmental Justice Council with staff funding. The federal update will provide information on whether any legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law might provide resources to our region for solid waste and recycling programs.

As we reported to you last year, the 2021 Oregon legislation saw passage of the Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582) which significantly overhauled the statewide recycling system. The bill brings producers in to share in the responsibility of developing a modernized system that will bring a statewide standardized list of what is collected, reduced contamination, advance equity, provide investment into material recovery facilities and ensure recovered materials go to responsible markets. The DEQ has begun work on implementing the bill including: convening meetings of the Truth in Labeling Task Force; putting in place the membership of the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Committee; and starting the work of a technical committee on what will go on the statewide recycling list.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Any questions about the bills discussed or regarding any other legislation?
- Any additional information would you might find useful and wish to hear about?

NEXT STEPS

- Provide any additional information or answers to questions asked at this meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Presentation on Oregon 2022 Legislative Session