



Metro

Oregon 2022 Legislative Session



Regional Waste Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 17, 2022

Background for 2022 Session

- Constitutional “short” session – 35 days
- Limited number of bills allowed
- Short sessions focus on financial matters – no new “policy” bills



2022 Session

Council WPES Priorities

- SB 1576 - Extended Producer Responsibility for Mattresses
- SB 1520 Modifications to Bottle Bill

Also

- HB 4141 - Environmental Justice For All

Mattress EPR Bill – SB 1576

- Oregon's 6th EPR law – Bottle Bill; E-Cycles; Paint; Pharmaceuticals; Paper & Packaging (RMA 2021)
- Oregon 4th state with EPR for Mattresses (Connecticut, Rhode Island, California)
- Producer provides and pays for recycling services
- Program will provide drop off sites across state; Collect from any site with 100+
- Program operational early 2025



Bottle Bill Modifications – SB 1520

- Multiple issues raised in 2021 session - Senator Dembrow convened work group to discuss.
- SB 1520
 - Ensure all distributors are responsible
 - Wine in cans to be brought under program
 - Cooperative report: on access & expansion; efforts to improve access for canners
- Further discussions planned on what else to bring in (e.g., liquor in cans?)

Environmental Justice for All – HB 4077

- Environmental Justice Task Force becomes the Environmental Justice Council (EJC)
- Provides for staffing
- Expands membership to broaden representation; more state agencies under its jurisdiction; engage communities across state
- Builds a mapping tool increase understanding between agencies and environmental justice communities

Other Bills of Note

- SB 4158 – Amendments to Oregon E-Cycles Program Bill dropped. DEQ will develop bill for 2023.
- SB 1567 – Fuel terminals seismic vulnerability assessments. (These are Metro Central transfer station neighbors.)

Questions?

- Any questions about any of these or other legislation?
- Any additional information would you might find useful and wish to hear about?

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