



April 4, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair  
House Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: City of Eugene Supports HB 2883- Polystyrene Ban**

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene supports HB 2883 as introduced as this aligns with recent Eugene City Council direction related to the use of polystyrene.

On March 11, 2019, the Eugene City Council voted in unanimous approval, to direct the City Manager to draft an ordinance and schedule a public hearing banning polystyrene carry out containers.

The Council carefully deliberated this issue over the course of two work sessions and based their action on adopted policy including Eugene's 2014 Climate Recovery Ordinance and the Oregon DEQ's Materials Management Vision 2050 plan.

We are currently tracking this legislation, and if passed, will incorporate the statewide standards into the proposed Ordinance. If the committee instead passes the -9 amendments, we will include the original ban language into our proposed Ordinance and schedule a public hearing in the near future.

In closing, the City of Eugene supports a statewide standard for banning polystyrene carry out containers, one that does not preempt local communities from enacting their own ordinances. Please vote in Support of HB 2882 as introduced.

Sincerely,

***Submitted electronically.***

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