



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

# Modernizing Oregon E-Cycles: What Will House Bill 3220-2 Change?

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The Oregon E-Cycles Program is one of the nation's first product stewardship programs for electronics recycling. Since operations began in 2009, the Program has collected over 300 million pounds of electronic devices, preventing toxins from entering Oregon landfills and recovering precious and rare earth metals for new electronics. Although a successful Program, Oregon E-Cycles faced potential instability in 2022 to program services that highlighted deficiencies in the decade-old law's structure.

HB 3220-2 proposes changes to the Program to address the instability issue, while expanding the list of covered devices and streamlining program administration. Oregon E-Cycles will continue to require manufacturers to fund and manage a program that collects, transports, and processes covered electronic devices from Oregon households and other covered entities. The table below describes what will change, and what will stay the same, under House Bill 3220-2.

## Current E-Cycles Law

## Changes Under HB 3220-2

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### Who Can Use the E-Cycles Program?

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Households, businesses and non-profits with 10 or fewer employees, any person giving 7 or fewer covered electronic devices to a collector at one time.



No change

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### Who Funds the E-Cycles Program?

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Funded by manufacturers.



Funded by manufacturers. Exemption for manufacturers that sell fewer than 50 covered electronic devices in a given year in Oregon.

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### What Covered Electronics Devices Will Be Accepted for Recycling?

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Computers, monitors having a viewable area greater than four inches measured diagonally, TVs, printers, keyboards and mice



More electronic devices will be accepted, including: VCRs, music players, DVD players, game consoles, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, routers and modems.

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### Collection Network Requirements

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A program must establish one collection site for any city with a population of at least 10,000.

A program must also establish additional sites to meet collections determinations set by DEQ.



Increases the number of collection sites required in cities with a population of at least 10,000.

Includes a requirement that a program ensures at least 95% of residents are within 15 miles of a collection site.

Allows DEQ to approve an alternative method for convenience that adequately meets local needs.

Eliminates the collections determination process.

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### Program Implementation

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DEQ must administer a State Contractor Program.

Manufacturers may choose to implement a manufacturer program, such as through a producer responsibility organization, under a plan approved by DEQ.



Eliminates requirement for a State Contractor Program.

Allows one or more producer responsibility organizations to operate; coordination on certain program elements will be required if multiple producer responsibility organizations exist.

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### Manufacturer Registration and Fees

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DEQ registers manufacturers and collects fees from manufacturers for covering DEQ's administrative costs.



DEQ would collect its administrative fee from the producer responsibility organizations.

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### Equity

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Not explicitly addressed in statute.



Requires a producer responsibility organization to provide convenient and equitable service throughout state, including to rural areas and historically underserved populations.

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### Landfill Ban

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Covered TVs, monitors, and computers are banned from landfills.



No change to landfill ban.

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