



Thank you for your support of Toxic Free Schools and Toxic Free Cosmetics. The Oregon Environmental Council and Beyond Toxics are excited to be putting this legislation forth during the 2023 session and we are grateful for your support!

This year, the Ways & Means Committee will be hosting its Roadshow to gather public input that will shape Oregon's funding priorities in the 2023 session. Your testimony is important to this process!

## ROADSHOW LOCATIONS

The next and final Roadshow is

- May 3, Salem (also has virtual option), 5-7pm

## GUIDE TO VERBAL TESTIMONY

- You must register to speak if you want to speak
- Register online at this link:  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Committees/JWM/2023-05-03-17-00/Agenda>
  - Directly to the right of "**STATE BUDGET**," click "Register to Testify"
  - Fill out your person information and under "Choose Budget Topic," select Education or \_\_\_\_\_
  - Under "Position on the Measure," select Support
  - Please note that all other locations are in-person, except for the Salem location that has a virtual option.

Registration is required to testify by phone, video, or in person. Registration closes at the time the meeting is scheduled to begin. You can find more information by visiting this link:

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx)

## GUIDE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY

- Submit written testimony online by visiting:  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Testimony/JWM>

- Under “choose date and meeting time,” select the date that corresponds with your location (listed above)
- You are submitting testimony for SB 543 and SB 426 and/or SB 488.
- Fill out your personal information. Next, under “position on bill” click Support. You may enter your testimony in the text box provided or also attach it as a PDF. The maximum number of characters allowed in the text box is 4,000. The maximum PDF upload size is 15 MB.
- **Written testimony must be received within 48 hours after the posted date (Ex: Testimony for May 5th, Salem roadshow must be received by 10am on April May 5th)**

## GENERAL ADVICE AND THINGS TO NOTE

- It is powerful for Legislators to hear personal stories from Oregonians across the state. Your voice matters and holds power! We aren’t able to do this work without the help and stories from community members like you.
- **Please note that all written and verbal testimony is public record.** Please speak from the heart, and also do not feel pressure to state anything you would not want publicly shared.
- **What does public record mean?** All public hearings are recorded and posted to the [Oregon Legislative Website](#). Anyone, at any time, can go on this website and watch the recorded testimony. If you submit written testimony, it will be published to the website. For this reason, we suggest you do not share your home address, phone number, or any other personal information in your testimony. .

## TEMPLATE FOR TESTIMONY

*SUBJECT: Yes on Environmental Health Bills: SB426A, SB546A*

BODY:

Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; Members of the Committee:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and I am **writing/speaking** in **support of Senate Bill 426A, Toxic Free Schools and SB546A, Toxic Free Cosmetics.**

**Add 1-3 personal sentences on why you support these bills.**

**Toxic Free Schools (SB 426)**

Oregon school districts and regulatory agencies have never been given the funding, coordination and resources needed to implement the safer pesticide use practices called for in Oregon's laws. SB 426 will fix a 14-year unfunded mandate for schools, fix an oversight that omitted the Oregon Department of Education in the original statute and create a path towards modernized record keeping and safer choices for pest control under the Healthy and Safe Schools Act.

The Toxic Free Schools Act will:

- End a 14-year unfunded mandate by providing resources and technological assistance to school districts to reduce harmful pesticide use.
- Coordinate requirements under the existing School IPM statues and the Healthy and Safe Schools Act for the first time since their passage.
- Modernize pesticide record-keeping processes and increase transparency for communities.

[SB 426](#) was voted out of the Senate Education Committee on March 30th with bipartisan support and has been referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee to address its fiscal impact.

*Read more about Toxic Free Schools [here](#).*

### **Toxic Free Cosmetics (SB 546)**

People assume personal and beauty products (collectively called “cosmetics”) are safe. But it is estimated there are over 10,000 chemicals in the beauty market today, and account for a [\\$100 billion beauty industry](#). The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act (FDCA) has only restricted [11 chemicals](#) since 1938, while the European Union has [banned over 1800 chemicals](#).

Through SB 546, Oregon can require the public disclosure of all chemical ingredients on a company's product webpage. Doing so is an accessible way for consumers to make educated purchasing decisions. Additionally, it will ban the sale of the worst chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products like many other states have.

[SB 546](#) passed out of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee on March 28th, *unanimously* and bipartisan, and has been referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee to address its fiscal impact. It was initially sent straight to the Senate floor because no fiscal impact has been found for this biennium. We urge this committee to refer SB 546 out back to the Senate floor, and commit to funding a part time staffer within OHA starting in 2027 for this critical toxics reductions program.

*Read more about Toxic Free Cosmetics [here](#).*

We know that when we are healthier when we have less exposure to toxic chemicals in our daily lives, kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improves, and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon—in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. When all of our neighbors are healthy, all of Oregon thrives.

This is why I am urging your yes vote on SB426, SB 546. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Your name

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**Oregon Incinerator Pollution Monitoring (SB 488)**

*SUBJECT: Yes on SB 488 Waste Incineration Emissions Monitoring*

BODY:

Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; Members of the Committee:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and I am writing/speaking to urge The Ways and Means Committee to fund and vote yes on SB 488A, which gives the Oregon DEQ the authority to adopt a pilot program to require continuous emissions monitoring technology at the Covanta Marion waste incinerator in Marion County.

The Covanta Marion incinerator is the nation's 4th largest medical waste incinerator. Burning medical waste produces heavy metals and dioxin that drift away from the incinerator's stack and drop down on surrounding communities. Incineration doesn't destroy waste. What incineration does is to change the form of the waste, increasing the availability and toxicity of many of the pollutants it contains, and then releasing these pollutants as dangerous air emissions. Burning plastics, particularly medical waste, increases the risk of exposure to heavy metals such as lead and mercury as well as dioxin. These hazardous chemicals are associated with serious health harms such as cancer, learning disabilities and organ malfunction.

An important reason to pass SB 488A is to modernize and update emissions monitoring systems . Our state regulators need accurate emissions data to meet their mandates to protect the environment and public health based on the best scientific data available. Continuous emissions monitoring is the most effective means of providing accurate and detailed measurements of what Covanta is emitting into the air of the Willamette Valley.

Please fund and vote yes on SB 488A to support sound scientific practices as the backbone for Oregon's air protection regulations.

Sincerely,  
Your Name