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Oregon House Passes Important Update to Oregon's Historic Bottle Bill

Today, the Oregon House of Representatives voted 45-6 to pass <u>House Bill 2803</u>, an important set of updates to Oregon's Bottle Bill.

The bill, carried on the floor by Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth), revises the reporting and compliance requirements of the OLCC when approving Oregon Bottle Bill redemption centers. It also establishes reasonable timelines and processes for dealers and retailers to comply with the law.

"I asked to carry House Bill 2803-A to continue a legacy," says Rep. Evans. "Former State Representative Vicki Berger led the fight for the updates in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013. It was a charge she kept because of her family's unique role in developing Oregon's iconic 1971 'Bottle Bill.' I am grateful to have an opportunity to carry on her tradition – to honor her legacy, to sustain Oregon's legacy – through advancing the cause of smart renewables policy."

"Today we kept faith with our environmental legacy: we voted to build upon an idea made into law by a citizen's desire for a better Oregon," Evans adds. "We sustained an idea that transformed a culture."

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