

# FOODWARE ALTERNATIVE WORK GROUP SUMMARY

## Membership

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Name	Role	Organization
Senator Sollman	Chair	Oregon State Senate District 15
Representative Osborne	Republican Legislator	Oregon House of Representatives District 2
Representative Nguyen	Democrat Legislator	Oregon House of Representatives District 38
Shawn Miller	Grocery Representative	Northwest Grocery Association
Bill Perry	Restaurant Representative	Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Kristin Leichner	Waste Hauler Representative	Pride Disposal & Recycling Company
Jocelyn Gaudi Quarrels	3rd Party Reusable Container Vendors	Bold Reuse
Abby Boudouris	Agency	Department of Environmental Quality
Celeste Meiffren Swango	Environmental Organization	Environment Oregon
CJ O'Brien	Community Organization	Manager, Ocean Friendly Programs, Surfrider
Keith Jones	Food Cart Representative	Cart Blocks Pod

## Background

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In 2023 the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 543, which prohibited a food vendor from using a polystyrene foam container in the sale of prepared food and prohibited a person from selling or distributing polystyrene foam containers, polystyrene foam packaging peanuts, or foodware containers containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in or into the State of Oregon.

## Work Group Scope

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Senator Sollman convened the Foodware Alternative Work Group (Work Group) during the 2023-2024 interim for the purpose of developing resources to aid in the implementation of the prohibition. The Work Group met seven times and was comprised of members representing grocery, restaurant, waste hauler, reusable container vendors, as well as environmental and community organizations. In addition, the Work





Group benefited from the expertise of staff at the Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Health Authority, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

## Final Products

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At the final meeting on July 29, 2024, the Work Group reviewed and made final edits to three documents:

- The [Recent Foodware Legislation](#) document, which provides an overview of legislation over the last six years that would be of particular interest to restaurant and food providers.
- The [Polystyrene and Food Containers with PFAS Prohibition Fact Sheet](#), which provides a high-level overview of Senate Bill 543, 2024.
- The [Oregon Food Serviceware Guide](#), which provides additional insight into alternative products.