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Reusable Food Container Bill Passes Oregon Senate

SB 545 will allow restaurants to fill consumer-owned containers with food

SALEM, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 545](#), a piece of legislation that will give consumers and businesses more flexibility to use consumer-owned food containers and reduce waste in Oregon. The bill, which passed with bipartisan support and was introduced and carried by **Senator Janeen Sollman, (D-Hillsboro)**, updates regulations so restaurants can fill consumer-owned containers with food.

“Reducing food container waste is good for our environment,” **said Senator Sollman, Chief Sponsor of Senate Bill 545**. “This is a simple, sensible change that will encourage a more sustainable and resilient future for ourselves and generations to come.”

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has already gone through the process to [allow consumers to bring reusable food containers to grocery stores](#).

By passing Senate Bill 545, Oregon is taking a common sense next step towards reducing plastic waste and preserving our planet for future generations. Currently, Oregon only recovers [13.7% of plastic waste from landfills or incinerators](#), falling short of our goal of a 25% recovery rate.

Senate Bill 545 would direct the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules allowing a restaurant to allow a consumer to fill a consumer-owned container with food. The bill will give consumers the choice to opt-out of single-use plastics, such as straws, utensils, and to-go containers, at restaurants and other food establishments.

The bill now moves to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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