



Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

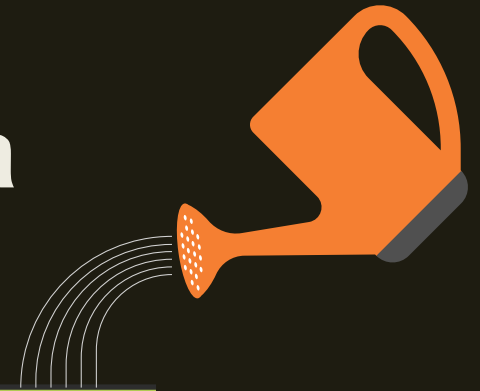
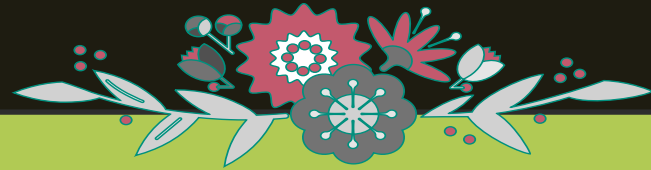
For packaging, printed paper, and food serviceware

Listening Session

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Portland, OR



Introductions and Agenda



Agenda

12:00 pm

Welcome

Background: Oregon Impact Reduction and Reuse Program

Clarifying Questions

Discussion: Prompting Questions in Breakout Rooms

Reconvene briefly after Discussion

1:00 p.m.

Adjourn



Rules of Engagement

- Raise your hand to speak and Alex will put you in the stack. You may unmute to speak when called.
- Please update your name on Zoom to include your organization, if applicable.
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Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act



- Effective Jan. 1, 2023
- Includes updates to Oregon's recycling system
- Aimed at reducing social and environmental impacts of covered products (packaging, printed paper, and food serviceware)

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Under ORS 459A.941:

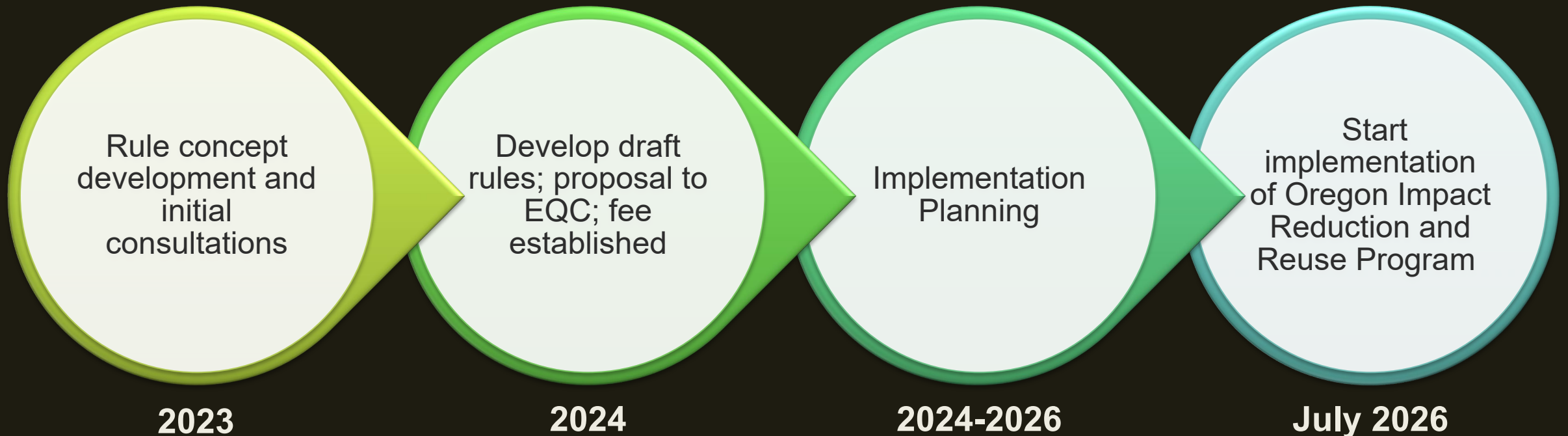
- “DEQ shall establish a program to reduce the environmental impacts of covered products through means other than waste recovery, including waste prevention and reuse.”
- Limited to covered products



Timeline

- [Rulemaking #2](#)

Anticipated timeline: September 2023 concept, 2024 proposal to EQC which will establish fee



Clarifying questions?



Reflection Questions

1

Imagine there were no limitations. What would a priority project, system, or idea focused on reducing environmental impacts of covered products look like?

2

What are the biggest barriers to reducing environmental impacts of covered products and how can they be overcome?

3

How could the impact reduction and reuse program be implemented statewide while ensuring that benefits are spread equitably and accessibly across all communities?

4

How might DEQ be responsive to the needs of economically distressed or underserved communities?

5

What partnerships or collaborations could be formed in this work? Is there anyone specific DEQ should engage or speak to? Who has done this work well?



Thank you for attending!

If you would like respond to these prompting questions or discuss further, we would love to hear from you.

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