



# Modernizing Oregon E-cycles Workshop 1 Summary

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## Overview of Electronics EPR Trends and Oregon E-Cycles

- Understanding that the “Opportunities for Modernization” would lead to a more stable program.

## Discuss expanding list of Covered Materials

- Interest in broader definitions for Covered Materials, tempered with the fact that it would mean engaging more manufacturers.
- Interest in rechargeable batteries, especially embedded batteries.
- Interest from the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) for using data from other states to see how much weight could be added by expanding the scope of Covered Materials.
- No comments regarding the idea of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (OR DEQ) having more flexibility to determine Covered Electronic Devices (CEDs).

## Program Administrative Changes

- Understanding about the changes proposed by OR DEQ, and interest from the CTA and others to work through the details. Continued discussions will need to address whether and how to end the State Contractor Program.

## Convenience Standard

- Understanding that a more robust convenience standard is needed.
- Understanding there is a need for criteria/standards for permanent collection sites.
- Understanding that a more robust convenience standard would need flexibility, e.g. substituting events for permanent collection sites, with OR DEQ approval.
- Understanding that there may still be a need for a performance goal, but alternatives to weight should be considered (awareness, per unit).
- Interest in ensuring the program has goals and standards that address under-served communities.

## Other Opportunities for Improvement

- Continued discussion concerning expanding E-Cycle’s Covered Materials.
- Interest in examining the feasibility of a per unit/device measurement.
- Interest in better promoting reuse and repair.
- Interest in more data concerning the collection network.