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Proposed 2019 State Legislation Affecting the Tualatin River Watershed

HB 2250 – Track Bill [HERE](#)

What does it do?

Requires Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority to regularly assess final changes to federal environmental laws to determine whether changes are significantly less protective of public health, environment or natural resources than standards and requirements contained in those federal laws, as in effect on January 19, 2017.

Why does TRK support it?

The Trump administration has been attacking the Clean Water Act which is a foundational piece of law that protects the Tualatin River and allows TRK to protect the Tualatin River. HB 2250 would keep the Clean Water Act intact and the regulations under it intact by setting the “baseline” back in the Obama era. No changes would be allowed that were less protective than those in place just before Trump took office.

HB 2509 (Sustainable Shopping Initiative) – Track Bill [HERE](#)

What does it do?

Prohibits retail establishments from providing single-use checkout bags to customers, except in certain cases. In other words this is a plastic bag ban on the state level.

Why does TRK support it?

Plastic bags end up in waterways and are harmful to fish and wildlife. This particular bill does have an exception for low income families.

HB 2883 – (Styrofoam Ban) – Track Bill [HERE](#)

What does it do?

Prohibits food vendors from using polystyrene container in selling, offering for sale, serving or dispensing prepared food to the public. In other words a Styrofoam ban.

Why does TRK support it?

Styrofoam is a major source of urban litter, and a common pollutant in waterways. Once in waterways it has a negative impact on wildlife.