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2017 Annual Report

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Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative is the industry steward of Oregon's landmark bottle bill. Through our BottleDrop redemption centers and partnerships with retailers, we collect redeemable containers, return deposits to Oregonians, and provide a high quality source of recycled raw material for manufacturers.

We are a not-for-profit cooperative business made up of 108 Oregon beverage distribution companies.

Our workforce of more than 400 employees provides a clean, fast, easy, and accountable system for recycling beverage containers. And just as Tom McCall envisioned it, we deliver a cleaner Oregon at no cost to taxpayers.

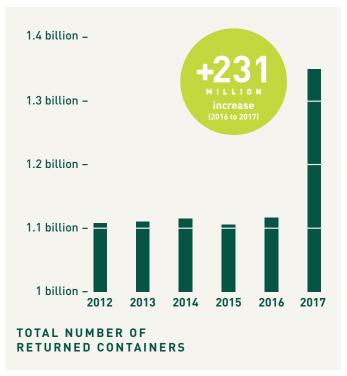
We are excited about what we accomplished in 2017. We think you will be too.

2017 ANNUAL BUDGET: \$34 MILLION^{1,2}

DEPOSIT INCREASED, RETURNS SOARED



MORE CONTAINERS RETURNED IN 2017



75% -60% 50% -25% -



² Budget and redemption data for 2017 in this report is preliminary. OBRC is committed to accurate and transparent accounting, and files an official report to the OLCC as required by Oregon's bottle bill, in June of each calendar year. OBRC does not include the value of scrap material sold in its operating budget. ³ Value of unredeemed deposits is the net value including impact of conversion from \$.05 per container to \$.10 per container.

GREEN BAG ACCOUNTS GROW BY 65%

205,157 TOTAL ACCOUNTS 81,884

SIGN UPS IN 2017

14 NEW BOTTLEDROP LOCATIONS

3 new centers 32 locations 1 remodeled center 10 new express locations 1 center 10 new express locations

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS & MORE FUNDRAISING

"Our volunteers frequently collect cigarette butts, straws, food wrappers, and the occasional shopping cart at our litter cleanup events. What we rarely pick up, thanks to OBRC and the bottle bill, is redeemable containers."

Joy Hawking SOLVE Program Manager



ORPET PARTNER PLASTIC FACILITY 17 million pounds of plastic recycled

BOTTLEDROP GIVE FUNDRAISING TOTALS **1,750** total non-profit fundraisers **550** new fundraisers in 2017 **\$355,254** raised for non-profits

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2018 will be another big year for OBRC and BottleDrop. We've been busy preparing for expansion by investing in equipment, hiring new full time staff (16), and adding more capacity at many of our busiest BottleDrop locations. We're excited to meet our 2018 goals:



Open four new BottleDrop centers and sign up 100,000 more people for BottleDrop green bag accounts.



Establish 18 new BottleDrop Express locations to provide more fast, easy, and clean access for Oregonians to return containers and reclaim their deposits.



Launch a refillable bottle program for Oregon's craft beverage industry by building on the successful 2017 pilot program in which nearly 3,000 refillable bottles were returned. In 2018, OBRC will introduce a BottleDrop branded refillable bottle, begin distribution to craft breweries, collect and clean used bottles, and distribute them for reuse.



Expand the use of BottleDrop Give as a source of fundraising for Oregon non-profits through additional outreach, matching and incentive programs, and partnerships.



Launch a partnership with the Oregon Community Foundation to support environmental non-profits.

