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Please endorse this bill, to allow Salem to manage its own solid waste.

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From: [Paige Barton](#)
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Dear Salem City Council,

I must express my profound disappointment regarding the Legislative Committee's recommendation that our city officially oppose Senate Bill 1067.

Marion County stands alone in our state in requiring county government control of solid waste. Senate Bill 1067 would simply grant us the local control enjoyed by every other Oregon county. This bill does not mandate that cities within Marion County assume control of solid waste—it merely provides choice and parity with other major municipalities statewide. The current system allows Marion County to raise tipping fees and redirect those funds to unrelated projects, creating an unjustifiable burden on Salem taxpayers. Senate Bill 1067 offers a solution to this inequity.

The Legislative Committee's opposition inappropriately constrains future councils. Mayor Julie Hoy, Council President Linda Nishioka, and Councilor Deanna Gwyn—all facing re-election next year—are making decisions that will bind their successors. Senate Bill 1067 would not take effect until January 1, 2026, not long before the May 19, 2026 elections that will determine the Mayor's seat and four Council positions. By opposing this bill on grounds that "the City of Salem does not intend to exercise local control," the Committee presumes to dictate policy beyond its term. We face these constraints today because of similar short-sighted decisions made decades ago. If you cannot support this bill, you have a duty to at least remain neutral rather than limiting future councils and neighboring municipalities within Marion County.

Mayor Hoy's involvement in this matter raises serious ethical concerns under our city charter. She has received campaign contributions exceeding \$501 from Marion County Commissioner Colm Willis and in-kind contributions exceeding \$501 from Commissioner Danielle Bethell—together constituting a quorum of the Marion County Board of Commissioners. This presents a clear conflict of interest under the Salem City Charter, requiring Mayor Hoy's recusal from legislative matters involving financial benefits to Marion County. Her continued advocacy for official opposition casts doubt on the independence of her position.

Tonight, this Council is considering whether to limit its own authority and future options regarding solid waste disposal, apparently at the urging of Marion County Commissioners who treat tipping fees as a discretionary fund. Salem deserves better governance. I urge you to reject the Legislative Committee's

recommendation regarding Senate Bill 1067, which stems from ethically compromised decision-making and failure to represent our city's long-term interests.

Sincerely,

Paige Barton
Ward 2 Resident
Chair, Marion County Democratic Party

From: [William Wherity](#)
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To City Council,

I urge you to support SB 1067. Salem needs to have autonomy about how the city deals with its solid waste, especially so that we can arrive at solutions that align with our climate action plan.

Sincerely,
William Wherity
Ward 3

Sent from my iPhone