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Testimony In Favor of
HB 6439 AAC The Disposal And Collection Of Unused Medication

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Release of unused medications to the environment is a significant issue. They are now detectable in our rivers and waterways, even our drinking water supplies. Treatment facilities are not designed to filter or eliminate them, so we all become involuntary consumers of the compounds.

Because there is no recognized and convenient universal method for consumer to dispose of unwanted meds, they are flushed down the toilet or carelessly discarded into the environment.

HB 6439 provides that health care institutions other than hospitals must dispose of them appropriately, and establishes a network of stations for consumer disposal under police supervision, consistent with federal law.

The Sierra Club recommends passage.