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Toxic-Free Kids Act Clears the Oregon House

Senate Bill 478 requires disclosure and phase-out of harmful chemicals

The Oregon House today voted 43-17 to pass Senate Bill 478, the Toxic-Free Kids Act, which requires disclosure and phase-out of certain dangerous chemicals in children's products.

"No parent should have to worry about whether the toys, sippy cups, or pacifiers they buy their children contain toxic chemicals," says Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer (D-Portland), who championed the bill in the House. "SB 478 is the result of years of work to create a policy that works for consumers and businesses. It's not only good for kids, it's good for Oregon's economy."

With the exception of some specified exemptions and waivers, manufacturers of children's products sold in Oregon will be required to disclose to the Oregon Health Authority when a product contains a chemical included on the authority's list of high priority chemicals of concern. This list will conform with the Washington Department of Ecology's reporting list, established under their "Children's Safe Products Act," and the bill allows OHA to enter into data sharing agreements with other states to streamline compliance activities for manufacturers.



Additionally, manufacturers of certain high-risk products—things like pacifiers, children's cups and spoons, cosmetics, and other products for infants and toddlers will be required, over time, to remove or substitute these chemicals where feasible.

The bill will now go to the Governor for her signature.

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