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## **New Consumer Protections Against Toxins in Cosmetic Products Pass Oregon Senate**

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 546](#) to keep Oregonians and their families safe from toxins in cosmetic and personal care products. Companies regularly put cancer-causing, immune suppression, and hormone disruption products like mercury, formaldehyde, and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into cosmetics and personal care products available in drugstores and supercenters around the state.

“Oregonians washing their hair, putting on makeup, or protecting their skin with sunscreen are unknowingly exposing themselves and their families to toxic chemicals. It’s unacceptable,” said **Senator Janeen Sollman (D - Hillsboro)**, chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee. “We deserve to know what’s in the products we use and to make informed decisions to protect our families. Chemicals that are dangerous to our health shouldn’t be readily available on store shelves. That’s exactly what this bill accomplishes, and I’m proud that we were able to deliver this victory for the health of Oregonians.”

Toxic chemicals in beauty products disproportionately harm young women, Black women, and women of color. Black women who use chemical hair straighteners or dye their hair are significantly more likely to develop breast cancer compared to white women.

These products are also washed into Oregon wastewater and waterways, threatening wildlife and clean drinking water.

SB 546 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, SB 546 now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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