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New Law Will Prohibit Fake, Unsafe Car Seats in Oregon

Oregon Senate passes bill to prevent the sale of substandard child safety systems

SALEM, OR – Counterfeit car seats that look like legitimate child safety systems can have fatal consequences for the babies riding in them. These fake products, which sometimes even bear the names of reputable brands, are on the rise all over internet retail sites. Legislation passed the Oregon Senate today that will prevent the sale of these unsafe products and tighten accountability for retailers who knowingly sell them.

"Every parent leaving the hospital with their newborn should have complete confidence that the car seat protecting their child meets safety standards," said **Senator Courtney Neron Misslin (D - Wilsonville, Sherwood, King City & Tigard)**.

House Bill 4092 restricts the sale of child safety seats that fail to meet standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or the Oregon Department of Transportation. The bill prohibits retailers from selling the substandard seats and bans retail platforms like Amazon and Temu from allowing any car seats to appear on their sites unless the seller declares in writing that the seats meet government standards. House Bill 4092 opens retailers to the threat of lawsuits if they fail to comply with the law, giving buyers a "private right of action."

The bill was originally championed by **Rep. Hai Pham** and **Rep. Mari Watanabe** in the Oregon House.

"The safety of our kids is non-negotiable. Every parent should and must trust the car seat they buy for their child," said **Rep. Hai Pham (D - South Hillsboro & West Beaverton)**. "This is about safeguarding our kids on the road. We can't compromise when a child's life is on the line."

"Having unaccredited car seats on the market puts our children at risk every day," said **Rep. Mari Watanabe (D - Cedar Mill, Bethany, and North Beaverton)**. "This bill protects our next generation of children, and it provides parents with the assurance they are providing their kids with the safest devices on the market."

The measure passed the Oregon Senate in a vote of 27 to 1. Ten Republicans joined Senate Democrats in support. House Bill 4092 now goes to Governor Tina Kotek for consideration.

Oregon Health and Science University has a child injury prevention team that has worked with dozens of families in recent years who were using or planning to use products that looked like legitimate care seats but were not. OHSU's Doernbecher Children's Hospital has tips for

checking whether your car seat is approved for protecting your baby. Among other warning signs, they flag these indicators that a seat may be fake and unsafe:

- Missing a permanently attached warning label with detailed information on safety standards, model name, manufacturer's details, height and weight limits for the seat, and more
- Missing a chest clip
- Prices significantly below the manufacturer's suggested retail price

Get details in an OHSU flyer available eight languages: bit.ly/seat-safety

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