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### **Senate Consumer Protection Committee Passes Bill Banning Dangerous Toy-Like Lighters**

*Swift passage of HB 2365 will allow Senate to take action next week*

SALEM – The Senate Consumer Protection Committee today passed HB 2365, banning the manufacture, sale and distribution of dangerous toy-like lighters. These novelty lighters, often modeled after popular cartoon characters, can be easily mistaken by children for actual toys – a problem that contributes to unintentional fires and injuries.

“It was simple common sense,” said Chair Suzanne Bonamici (D-NE Washington and NW Multnomah Counties). “Toy lighters present a serious and preventable hazard to the public. This legislation will help keep our children and families safe.”

Consumer Protection Committee members praised the swift action, explaining that the legislation is an easy way to protect the public from a deceptive product.

“We had a clear responsibility,” said Senator Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland). “Once the misleading nature of these products was shown, the committee saw the need for action to protect our children. I anticipate quick passage once the bill reaches the Senate floor.”

HB 2365 passed the House of Representatives by a unanimous vote on February 4.

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