

Senate Joint Memorial 8

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to enact legislation requiring testing, review and approval of ingredients in cosmetics, particularly dibutyl phthalate and diethyl phthalate.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas studies have shown that phthalates, particularly dibutyl phthalate and diethyl phthalate, can damage the liver, kidneys, lungs and reproductive system and cause genital abnormalities in male infants, including testicular atrophy, hypospadias, reduced sperm counts, ectopic testes and undescended testicles; and

Whereas the European Parliament, after analyzing the scientific research, determined that products with phthalates posed a significant health risk to its citizens and in 2002 issued a directive that banned sale of personal care products and cosmetics that contain certain phthalates; and

Whereas phthalates are added to cosmetics, hair spray, deodorants, nail polish, perfume and many other personal care products that Oregonians use every day; and

Whereas phthalates can be absorbed through the skin, ingested in breast milk or inhaled; and

Whereas the United States Food and Drug Administration does not require premarket safety testing, review or approval of ingredients in cosmetics; and

Whereas under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), cosmetics and their ingredients are not required to be approved before they are sold to the public; and

Whereas lack of federal oversight of phthalates in cosmetics leaves Oregonians exposed to the harmful effects of phthalates; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to enact legislation that requires testing, review and approval of ingredients used in cosmetic products, in particular dibutyl phthalate and diethyl phthalate.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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