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## Yes on HB 3162 Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act

### What HB 3162 does:

- Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create a list of “High Priority Chemicals of Concern for Children’s Health” based on established science.
- Requires large manufacturers to notify OHA when toys, car seats, clothing, jewelry or cosmetics made for children contain these chemicals and are for sale in Oregon.
- If the products are intended for children under age 3, or if they can fit in a child’s mouth or be applied to a child’s body, manufacturers must remove or substitute these chemicals with safer alternatives within 5 years. Small businesses have 7 years to remove or substitute these chemicals.

### HB 3162 is critical for the health of people and our environment:

Toxic chemicals, including hormone-disrupting and cancer-causing chemicals, are found in indoor environments where people typically spend 80% of their time. Credible studies find these chemicals measurable in children’s bodies at levels linked to chronic disease.

These chemicals are released from products into Oregon’s air, water and land, creating pollution hazardous to people and other living organisms. The most efficient and effective way to reduce pollution is at the source; yet without disclosure from manufacturers, it is impossible to determine the source of these chemicals or the multiple ways in which people are exposed.

We can achieve the greatest hazard reduction by focusing on:

- The chemicals of greatest concern,
- In products used by the most at-risk population (children),
- In environments where potential for exposure is greatest
- When Federal regulations have failed to ensure adequate health and environmental protections

### HB 3162 is efficient and practical:

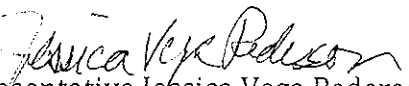
**Agency alignment:** By aligning Oregon Health Authority priorities with Department of Environmental Quality priorities, agencies can achieve the greatest results with the highest return on hazard reduction.

**Regional alignment:** The data collection process is designed to align with Washington state’s disclosure law, so that manufacturers will incur no new business costs under HB 3162 for collection of data.

**Green chemistry goals:** As Dr. Paul Anastas of the US EPA has said: “Nowhere surpasses Oregon for its impact on green chemistry.” Oregon has a “tremendous opportunity” to be a leader in this emerging field. By encouraging the replacement of chemicals of concern with safer alternatives, HB 3162 is a boon to Oregon’s burgeoning green chemistry sector.

**Vote YES on HB 3162 – Smart Protections for Our Kids & Environment**

From the desk of



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