

# House Bill 3500

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## SUMMARY

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Requires washing machine sold in this state to carry warning label stating potential risk to small children of serious injury or drowning.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to safety warning labels for washing machines.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "washing machine" means an automated house-**  
5 **hold appliance that uses electricity or another power source to wash clothing, linen and**  
6 **other laundry.**

7 **(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other required safety warnings or advisories, a**  
8 **washing machine sold in this state must have printed or permanently affixed to the front**  
9 **of the washing machine, or under a lid or inside a door to any compartment of the washing**  
10 **machine that holds water, a warning label that is printed in large and conspicuous print and**  
11 **reads substantially as follows:**

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15 **WARNING: Small children may be at risk of serious injury or drowning if they are inside**  
16 **or become trapped inside this washer while the washer is operating. DO NOT put or allow**  
17 **any person inside this washer. Keep children away from this washer while this washer is**  
18 **operating.**

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20 **To reduce the risk of serious injury or drowning, do not open this washer if water is in-**  
21 **side.**

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25 **(3) A washing machine manufacturer shall, at a consumer's request and without charge**  
26 **to the consumer, make a copy of the warning label described in subsection (2) of this section**  
27 **available to the consumer to affix to a washing machine that was sold without the label. The**  
28 **warning label must be capable of being permanently affixed, with adhesive capable of with-**  
29 **standing immersion in water, to the washing machine in the locations described in sub-**  
30 **section (2) of this section and must come with instructions for proper placement on the**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **washing machine.**

2       **(4) This section does not apply to a washing machine sold in this state only to the extent**  
3 **that federal product safety regulations to which the washing machine is subject directly**  
4 **conflict with or preempt the requirement set forth in this section.**

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