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Testimony in favor of SB 1569A  
Jnt Committee Ways & Means SubCommittee On Human Services  
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Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Bates and Rep. Nathanson and Members:

The Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA), Black Affairs (OCBA), and Commission for Women (OCFW) strongly supports SB 1569A directing OHA to compile and monitor a list of harmful chemicals to children and directing manufacturers of products using such chemicals to disclose that information to OHA.

When an informed citizenry can avoid known health risks for their families we are all better off. Children are most sensitive to chemicals in their immediate environment, including industrial chemicals, over 60 of which the EPA has linked to cancer or to neurological effects. We appreciate the work of the legislative committees who have passed this bill to you furthering the important work of supporting informed families around chemicals and kids with corporations wishing to sell safe necessities to Oregon families. Those are the firms and products Oregon's families want to patronize.

This legislation makes good sense for assuring that we all know what chemicals are in our children's environments and making informed healthy choices. Thank you for your positive consideration of SB 1569A.

Sincerely,

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