

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	Knopp, Kruse
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish and maintain list of designated high priority chemicals of concern for children’s health used in children’s products. Requires OHA to post list, and information regarding health impacts associated with exposure to each chemical, on OHA’s website. Adds food managed by the United States Department of Agriculture to the exemption list. Requires OHA to periodically review and revise list.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of Washington State’s disclosure program
- Impact of synthetic chemicals on children
- Parents proactive role with determining what is toxic or not
- Public safety concerns
- Impact on food processing industry
- Concerns relating to negative impact on businesses
- Federal legislation that is moving through the process
- Vote explanations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds food managed by the United States Department of Agriculture to the exemption list.

BACKGROUND: Recalls of children’s toys and products containing dangerous chemicals recently has increased awareness and regulation around exposure to dangerous chemicals. These poisons cause damage to young and developing children because of their increased metabolic rate and developing organs.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has identified 41 toxic chemicals of concern to children’s health currently being used in children’s products.