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## Yes on SB 478 Toxic Free Kids Act

### What SB 478 does:

- Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create a science-based list of “High Priority Chemicals of Concern for Children’s Health,” identical to Washington state’s list of 66 chemicals.
- Requires large manufacturers that sell children’s products (toys, car seats, clothing, jewelry and cosmetics) in Oregon to provide notice to OHA when their children’s products contain these chemicals.
- Requires manufacturers to remove or substitute chemicals on the list, within six years, if the chemical is present in a product made for children under the age of three, a children’s cosmetic, or a mouthable children’s product.

### SB 478 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 (indoor and outdoor), 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.

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.

### SB 478 is efficient and practical:

**Regional alignment:** The data collection process will align with Washington state’s disclosure law so that manufacturers will incur no new business costs under SB 478 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 voluntary replacement of chemicals of concern with safer alternatives, SB 478 is a boon to Oregon’s burgeoning green chemistry sector.

**Vote YES on SB 478 – Smart Protections for Our Kids & Environment**

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