

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/15/15
Action: Do Pass With Different Amendments. (Printed A-Eng Minority)
Meeting Dates: 03/02, 04/15
Signers of the Report: Sen. Alan Olsen, Sen. Chuck Thomsen
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish and maintain list of high priority chemicals of concern for children's health when used in children's products. Instructs OHA to include on list any chemical currently listed on Washington State Department of Ecology's Reporting List of Chemicals of High Concern to Children. Requires OHA to post list and certain information on its website. Authorizes OHA to review and recommend revisions to list of high priority chemicals. Requires Legislature's express consent to revise list. Requires manufacturers of children's products sold in state containing chemical included on list in amount over or above specified minimum level to provide notice to OHA. Provides exemption from disclosure if manufacturer has annual gross sales of less than \$5 million; or chemical is present as contaminant and manufacturer has in place control program and exercises best management practices to minimize presence of contaminant. Authorizes OHA to enter into reciprocal data sharing agreements with other states. Authorizes OHA to adopt rules. Authorizes OHA to impose civil penalty for certain violations. Sunsets Act January 2, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Eligibility for waivers
- Public health risks
- Effect of certain chemicals on developing children
- Federal process for regulating chemicals

EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 478 A (Minority) would establish a list of high priority chemicals for children's health used in children's products and require manufacturers to provide notice. Similar legislation has been passed in other states, notably Maine's Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products and Washington's Children's Safe Products Act.