



TO: Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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CompTIA

RE: Support SB 836

The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) is a membership organization representing the continuum of information technology (IT) companies, from small IT service providers and software developers to large equipment manufacturers and communications service providers. As developers, producers, and servicers of technologies that impact every part of daily life, including the components that make our children's products possible, **we strongly support SB 836.**

SB 836 would clarify that the Toxic-Free Kids Act applies to children's product components that are accessible but does not unnecessarily restrict inaccessible parts that **do not** come into direct contact with the child. These inaccessible components may be essential to the safe, effective, and fun operation of the children's product but do not interact with the product user. Therefore, ensuring inaccessible parts are exempt keeps kids safe while allowing them to enjoy and learn from a wide variety of children's products.

We strive to expand opportunities for all children with technologies that help them to learn and grow. In the process of creating products that teach, entertain, and protect children throughout the world, we prioritize the health and safety of every child. SB 836 is consistent with best practices to ensure product safety and follows the example of other state and federal regulations on the same subject. SB 836 will support the development of safe children's products that operate effectively, engage the user, and are affordable and accessible to Oregonian families.

SB 836 is common-sense legislation that promotes safe, healthy, and happy kids and continued innovation to harness technology to better serve them. It is smart policy that will bring us in line with other states. **We urge you to vote YES on SB 836.**