

HB 2495 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to include a class of chemicals on the list of high priority chemicals of concern for children's health when used in children's products. Removes the restriction on adding more than five chemicals to the list of high priority chemicals during each three-year revision period. Requires a manufacturer of a children's product sold or offered for sale in this state that contains a chemical or member of a class of chemicals included on the list established to provide a biennial notice containing the brand name and model of the children's product that contains the chemical, in addition to the product category. Requires a manufacturer, whose hazard assessment had been approved through inaction of Oregon Health Authority, to resubmit the hazard assessment at the end of a three-year period following the hazard assessment approval. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- 1 Establishes that the biennial notices containing the brand name, model, and product category of the children's product that contains the chemical apply to notices submitted to the Oregon Health Authority on and after January 31, 2024.
- 2 Establishes that the biennial notices containing the brand name, model, and product category of the children's product that contains the chemical apply to notices due to be submitted to the Oregon Health Authority on and after January 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 478A (2015) established a list of high priority chemicals for children's health used in children's products, required manufacturers to provide notice including the name, registry number, amount, and function of the chemicals on the list used in the children's product, and required manufacturers to remove or substitute for the chemical under certain circumstances. 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. House Bill 2495 would revise provisions relating to chemicals in children's products and would become operative January 1, 2022. The bill would take effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.