



Oregon Chapter  
American College of  
Emergency Physicians

**Statement for the Record  
Committee on Early Childhood  
April 5, 2021  
HB 3379, Crib Bumpers**

Chair Power, Vice-Chairs Reynolds and Zika, and members of the committee, please accept this statement for the record on behalf of OR-ACEP, the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. OR-ACEP is a medical society that has represented physicians specializing in emergency medicine since 1971 and its members share a commitment to improve emergency healthcare for all Oregonians.

OR-ACEP supports HB 3379 which bans the sale of crib bumper pads in Oregon. While parents may buy crib bumpers as a safety precaution to prevent injuries in babies, studies suggest they could cause fatal harm instead. Crib bumpers have been linked with 48 deaths from 1985 to 2012 according to a study in the Journal of Pediatrics in 2016. All of these were associated with accidental suffocation in the bumper pad. Our members have witnessed firsthand the anguish of the grieving parent after losing their infant to suffocation. If banning the sale of crib bumpers can prevent even one child's death it will be a win for the public interest. Banning the sale of crib bumpers is in line with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Banning the sale in Oregon will help prevent sleep-related deaths for infants and we urge the committee to pass this important public health bill.

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