

Vote Yes on SB 546 (The Toxic Free Cosmetics Act)!

On behalf of the undersigned small businesses, government entities, and organizations representing tens of thousands of members in health, cosmetics, consumer justice, and environmental interests, we would like to express our support for SB 546, the Toxic Free Cosmetics bill.

This is the first time our state legislature has seriously considered a bill to reduce toxic chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products. And the timing could not be better. This January, the Washington Department of Ecology specifically tested cosmetics marketed towards women of color, and found formaldehyde, lead and arsenic in these products.¹ The formaldehyde came from **formaldehyde releasers so formaldehyde was therefore not disclosed on the labels.**² The potential health impacts are great.

SB 546 requires disclosure of all chemical ingredients on a company's product webpage. Doing so is an accessible way for consumers to make educated purchasing decisions. Additionally, SB546 regulates and prohibits the sale of the worst chemical classes in cosmetics and personal care products. SB 546 is based on Washington's bill, as the two states share a lab and enforcement capability, and maintains parity with existing Oregon and federal laws.

Proponents of the bill, the chief sponsor, and industry retailers came to the table to collaborate extensively and file multiple amendments- including giving 2027 for manufacturers to comply with the law, and to minimize its fiscal impact. SB 546 passed out of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee *unanimously* and *Bipartisan* on 3/28/23, and subsequently passed the Ways and Means Committee on 6/2/23.

We urge your support and vote on SB 546.

Beyond Toxics	Breast Cancer Prevention Partners	Campaign for Safe Cosmetics	Center for Biological Diversity	Center for Food Safety
Credo Cosmetics	Defend Our Health	Environment Oregon	Healthy Babies Bright Futures	Oregon Metro
Naturepedic	Nurturely	Oregon Environmental Council	Oregon Consumer Justice	Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Food Bank	Oregon Nurses Association	Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility	OSPIRG	Our Children Oregon
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)	The Oregon Sierra Club	Washington County Kids	We Can Do Better
Women's Voices for the Earth				

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2304007.pdf>

² *Id.*

