Senate Bill 405

Sponsored by Senators PATTERSON, SOLLMAN, Representative GAMBA; Representatives HELM, HUDSON, MARSH, NERON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits sale of new clothes washers unless washers are equipped with built-in or in-line microfiber filtration system.

Prohibition becomes operative January 1, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to microfibers.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Built-in microfiber filtration system” means a filtration system that is built into a newly manufactured clothes washer and has a mesh size of 100 micrometers or less.

(b) “In-line microfiber filtration system” means a filtration system that may be fitted or retrofitted onto a clothes washer and has a mesh size of 100 micrometers or less.

(2) A person may not sell or offer for sale in this state a new clothes washer unless:

(a) The clothes washer has a built-in microfiber filtration system; or

(b) The clothes washer is sold with an in-line microfiber filtration system that is compatible with the clothes washer.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

(2) The Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Commission may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the department or the commission to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department and the commission by section 2 of this 2023 Act.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.

New sections are in boldfaced type.

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