

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

1
2 Relating to microfibers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (b) **The clothes washer is sold with an in-line microfiber filtration system that is com-**
13 **patible with the clothes washer.**

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

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