

HB 3512 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or into Oregon a new covered product that contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance, with the exception of the sale or resale of used covered products, effective January 1, 2027.

Detailed summary:

SECTION 1

Defines terms.

SECTION 2

Prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or into Oregon a new covered product that contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance, with the exception of the sale or resale of used covered products. Requires a manufacturer of a covered product to provide to a person that offers a covered product for sale in Oregon, with the exception of the sale or resale of used covered products, with a certificate of compliance with certain requirements, stating that the covered product does not contain any intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

SECTIONS 3 – 4

Authorizes the Attorney General to investigate and bring an action to obtain an injunction or a civil penalty for violations of the Act.

SECTION 5

Establishes effective date of January 1, 2027.

SECTIONS 6 – 7

Adds “outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions” to the list of covered products in the Act and to list of definitions, effective on January 1, 2028.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of more than 4,000 chemicals that have been used in a variety of industrial processes and consumer products since the 1940s. PFAS are also referred to as “forever-chemicals” as some of their components break down very slowly over time. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS substances in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals. According to the Oregon

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Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority's "Fact Sheet on PFAS," exposure to high levels of PFAS may: "affect growth, learning and behavior of infants and children; reduce a woman's chance of getting pregnant; interfere with hormones; increase cholesterol levels; affect the immune system; and increase the risk of cancer."