

Senate Bill 526

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON; Senator SOLLMAN, Representatives ANDERSEN, GAMBIA (Pre-session 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act prohibits the sale of new clothes washers that do not have a filter for small fibers, starting in 2030. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Prohibits the sale of new clothes washers that are not equipped with a microfiber filtration system, beginning January 1, 2030.

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 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "microfiber filtration system" means a filtration**
6 **system that:**

7 **(a) Is active across all washing cycles of a clothes washer;**

8 **(b) Has a mesh size of 100 micrometers or less; and**

9 **(c) Is either:**

10 **(A) Built into a newly manufactured clothes washer; or**

11 **(B) An in-line filtration system that is packaged with and capable of being installed with**
12 **a new clothes washer.**

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

14 **(a) The clothes washer is equipped with a microfiber filtration system; and**

15 **(b) The clothes washer bears a conspicuous label that notifies consumers that the unit**
16 **includes a microfiber filtration system and instructs the consumer to check the filter ac-**
17 **cording to a regular schedule and dispose of captured lint with household solid waste.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2030.**

19 **(2) The Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Commis-**
20 **sion may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section**
21 **that is necessary to enable the department or the commission to exercise, on and after the**
22 **operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and**
23 **powers conferred on the department and the commission by section 2 of this 2025 Act.**
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