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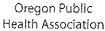




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Yes on HB 3162

Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids

A Reasonable & Efficient System to Protect Children:

- <u>Creates a science-based list</u> of chemicals of concern for children's health
- Requires notification by manufacturers to Oregon health officials when children's products contain these chemicals
- <u>Protects children's health</u> by requiring manufacturers to substitute hazardous chemicals with known safer alternatives.

Benefits to Oregon's Health & Economy:

Chronic diseases and disorders are on the rise, including cancers, birth defects, developmental disabilities, asthma, diabetes, and infertility.

These health conditions are an **increasing burden on Oregon's economy**. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 133 million people in the U.S.—almost half of all Americans—are now living with chronic diseases and conditions, which account for 70% of deaths and **75% of U.S.** health care costs.

Reducing exposure to chemicals contributing to chronic diseases benefits the health of Oregonians and our health care system.

Scientific evidence increasingly indicates **these diseases and conditions are linked to chemical substances** found in consumer products.

Infants and children are at the greatest risk of harm from toxic exposures, as their bodies and brains are still developing.

Because **chemical ingredients are not fully disclosed**, not enough information is available to understand and address these rising rates of chronic disease and disorders.

Oregon Needs HB 3162 Now:

- Oregon health officials need to know where and how people are exposed to toxic chemicals in everyday products.
- It is our responsibility to work on solutions to chemicals we know are hazardous so these chemicals are no longer a threat to any child.
- It's time for Oregon to take steps to reduce exposures to chemicals of greatest concern.
- HB 3162 is an important step toward <u>improving the health of all Oregonians</u>.

We urge your support for HB 3162 for a safe future for Oregon kids.

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