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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 836: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this bill, which seeks to weaken protection of children from chemicals in products made for their use. The bill:

- Redefines “de minimis level” for purposes of Toxic-Free Kids Act to allow a higher level chemicals.
- Exempts from provisions of Act any component of children’s product that “would not, during reasonably foreseeable use of the product or reasonably foreseeable abuse of the product, come into direct contact with the skin or mouth of a child under 12 years of age.” This disregards children older than 12 and also fails to account for the fact that the products could come into direct contact with a person’s eyes or could be ingested.
- Limits applicable fees for manufacturing control program exemption, no matter what the program actually costs the state.
- Requires Oregon Health Authority to analyze data related to each chemical that is present in all children’s products that are mouthable, children’s cosmetics or made for, marketed for use by or marketed to children under three years of age, for purpose of determining which chemicals should be subject to removal and substitution requirements of Act.
- Requires legislative ratification of chemicals that authority determines should be removed or substituted, placing the ultimate decisions in the hands of politicians instead of scientists and medical professionals.

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