

HB 3379 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits the remanufacture, retrofit, sale, resale, contracting to sell or resell, and leasing of crib bumper pads. Prohibits public accommodations and commercial users from having or using crib bumper pads unless medical professional has deemed bumper pad medically necessary. Requires Office of Child Care to notify child care providers and adopt related rules. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Padded crib bumpers are pillow-like apparatuses that attach to the inside perimeter of a baby's crib, ostensibly to prevent the baby's arms or legs from becoming stuck between the slats. Currently, crib bumper pads are not regulated by the federal government or in Oregon. The American Academy of Pediatrics has long advocated against the use of crib bumpers by parents and caregivers due to the risk of suffocation. On March 26, 2020 the Consumer Products Safety Commission announced a unanimous vote to prohibit the sale of padded crib bumpers that fail to meet certain air flow requirements and issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that may result in a federal ban of crib bumpers.

House Bill 3379 would institute a statewide ban on crib bumpers within Oregon.