

**From the Desk of State Senator Deb Patterson**

**Vote Yes on HB 3043B- the Toxic Free Kids Modernization Act!**

On behalf of the government entities, businesses, medical professionals, businesses, and undersigned organizations representing tens of thousands of members, we would like to express our support for HB 3043, the Toxic Free Kids Act Modernization bill. HB 3043 passed with a unanimous *Bipartisan* 9-0 vote out of Committee and a House vote of 42-14. We are proud to continue this Bipartisan collaboration.

HB 3043 is unfinished business from 2021, and builds on the success of Oregon's 2015 Toxic Free Kids Act by strengthening and modernizing protections for children's health and streamlining business reporting requirements.

**The bill retains flexibility for businesses and manufacturers, and is the result of months of negotiations in both 2021 and 2023 with manufacturing representatives, Republicans, and Democrats.** For example, HB 3043 gives OHA the authority to govern classes of chemicals, while allowing manufacturers to use individual chemicals and sub-classes of chemicals if they are shown to be less hazardous than the rest of its class. It also gives an extended timeline for manufacturers to report toxic chemicals in brand name and models of specific toys, and the -3 amendment changed the definition of chemical class to account for manufacturing realities. HB 3043 is both fair yet responds to the latest scientific needs of the Toxic Free Kids Program.

**HB 3043 has no fiscal impact because the Toxic Free Kids Program already exists.** It is practical, reasonable, and would result in common-sense solutions for even safer and healthier kid's products, and a modernized program. **We urge your support on HB 3043 to prioritize environmental health.**

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Beyond Toxics	Breast Cancer Prevention Partners	Campaign for Safe Cosmetics	Center for Biological Diversity	Center for Food Safety	Defend Our Health	Environment Oregon
Healthy Babies Bright Futures	League of Women Voters of Oregon	Metro	Naturepedic	Nuturely	Oregon Consumer Justice	OEC
Oregon Food Bank	Oregon League of Conservation Voters	Oregon Nurses Association	Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility	Oregon Public Health Association	OSPIRG	Our Children Oregon
PCUN	The Oregon Sierra Club	Washington County Kids	We Can Do Better	Willamette Partnership	Women's Voices for the Earth	

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