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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: HB3043

To: Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
From: Doris Cellarius, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club
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RE: HB 3043 (Toxic Free Kids Modernization)

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee-
On behalf of our more than 70,000 members and supporters in Oregon, I would am supporting HB 3043. The Sierra Club is an organization with a long history of working to protect Oregon's environment and the health of its citizens, we believe that HB 3043 is long overdue and unfinished business from 2021.

As you know, the 2015 Toxic Free Kids Act created a science--based "High Priority Chemicals of Concern for Children's Health" list and requires manufacturers to notify OHA when their children's products contain these chemicals. It would also require manufacturers ultimately phase them out with safer alternatives or apply for a waiver.

HB 3043 modernizes the law to help address the increasing amounts of toxic chemicals in our homes and bodies. Even everyday products in our homes have been linked to health problems such as cancer, learning disabilities, and chronic diseases including asthma, diabetes, infertility, and Parkinson's disease. Reducing exposures to harmful chemicals is essential to ensuring the health and safety of our communities. And of course, our children are both the most vulnerable to the effects of toxic.

Unfortunately, neither state nor federal officials are able to do an adequate job of protecting us and our kids from these toxic chemicals. HB 3043 will take an important first step to give authority over classes of chemicals and also require Brand name and product model reporting- something we have learned is helpful for consumers over these years of reporting.

This is about our health and the health of our children, and it is the right thing to do for Oregon.

Sincerely,

Doris Cellarius

