

Submitter: Suzanne Hammond
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3512

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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Suzanne Hammond, and I live in Oregon City. I am writing in support of HB 3512 to get toxic chemicals out of consumer products and out of the firefighting foam that's harming firefighters.

I support HB 3512 because:

Many health issues can be caused by PFAS including: cancer, fertility issues, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure during pregnancy. For children, low birth weight, and issues with behavior and development.

- I have a granddaughter whose lifelong health problems may very well have been caused by her mother's exposure to PFAs.
- My ex husband was a firefighter, and while we no longer get along, through him I know many firefighters. These are brave people who go into dangers everyone else is fleeing, Their work is dangerous enough without PFA exposure.
- I am a lifelong Northwesterner and the ecology of this region demands I care about Pollution for all the reasons, PFAs are dangerous.
- A majority of states have banned firefighting foam containing PFAS, and instead use a PFAS-free alternative. Oregon needs to do the same. Firefighters have 9% higher rates of cancer than the average American. Fire suppressing foam shouldn't poison our firefighters.

Thank you in advance for your support of HB 3512.

Sincerely,
Suzanne E. Hammond
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