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We have known for a couple decades at least the dangers posed by the chemicals known as PFAS. They are endocrine disrupters so cause harm in the bodies of humans and any other creatures who may ingest them. I know you also care about environmental hazards so I urge you to support HB 3512. It will protect the health of children, who are especially vulnerable to toxic exposure. HB 3512 builds on Oregon's Toxic-Free Kids Act to keep harmful chemicals away from our families.

In addition, this bill will help firefighters who face higher cancer risks to to exposure to PFAS. We must eliminate these toxins from firefighting gear and foam, especially as the threat of wildfire increases with the climate crisis.

This will help keep our water clean, as PFAS contamination threatens drinking water, crops, livestock, and fisheries. We can stop pollution at the source.

Since some other states have banned products with PFAS Oregon could become a dumping ground for this hazardous waste, and we surely don't want that! This bill would stop the dumping of toxic products.

So please give your support to HB 3512.

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