US Oregon Proposed a Bill Requiring a Phase-Out of Children's Products with Potentially Toxic Chemicals

In February 2013, the Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act, HB 3162, was introduced to identify, collect and share information about toxics when they exist in children’s products sold in Oregon, and to replace them with safer alternatives.

If passed, a bill would require 1) the listing of chemicals that are included in both Washington's list and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's toxics focus list, and 2) manufacturers who gross more than $5 million annually to phase out those chemicals in their products within five years or seek a waiver from the state.

This Oregon Bill, HB 3162, is patterned after the Children's Safe Product Act, a law approved in 2008 in Washington. According to this bill, the Oregon Health Authority shall maintain a list of “high priority chemicals of concern for children's health” and the listing of chemicals that are included in both Washington's list and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's toxics focus list. The authority would be also required to post the information, including details on the health impacts associated with exposure to each chemical.

Below is the highlight of HB 3152 in Oregon:

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| Oregon | The designated chemical as a “high priority chemical of concern for children's health” | Children's product such as children's cosmetics, car seats, jewelry, and toys | Companies with sales of more than $5 million would have:  
1) To report products containing the substances, and how many are sold in the state.  
2) To phase out those chemicals in their products within five years or seek a waiver from the state. | effective on passage |

**Link**

Oregon Legislative Assembly, 2013 Regular Session, HB 3162  
http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measpdf/hb3100.dir/hb3162.intro.pdf

The Washington State Department of Ecology, The Reporting List of Chemicals of High Concern to Children (CHCC)  

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