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Chairs, Joint Ways and Means

Re: Support of SB 1569 requiring OHA to establish list of chemicals harmful to children and manufacturers to report

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Richard Devlin and Representative Peter Buckley:

We urge you to find time in the compressed schedule of the Joint Ways and Means Committee for a hearing and work session for SB 1569 directing OHA to compile and monitor a list of harmful chemicals to children and directing vendors of products using such chemicals to disclose that information to OHA.

The members of the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs and the Oregon Commission for Women strongly support SB 1569. When an informed citizenry can avoid known health risks for their families we are all better off. Children are most sensitive to chemicals in their immediate environment, including industrial chemicals, over 60 of which the EPA has linked to cancer or to neurological effects. We appreciate the work of the legislative committees who have passed this bill to you furthering the important work of supporting informed families around chemicals and kids with corporations wishing to sell safe necessities to Oregon families. Those are the vendors and products Oregon's families want to patronize.

This legislation makes good sense for assuring that we all know what chemicals are in our children's environments and making informed healthy choices. Thank you for your help in scheduling this bill for a hearing and a work session.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

Stephanie Vardavas  
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