

Toxic substances control act reform: What it means for Oregon

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ABSTRACT: In June 2016, Congress passed an overhaul of the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act, which dictates the way the US EPA manages chemicals used in everyday products. The reformed law has the potential to improve public health with better federal safeguards, but will also change—and in some ways limit the ability of state authorities to manage toxic chemicals and exposure from chemicals in commerce. This presentation will cover the fundamental changes in the federal law, the implications for Oregon's Toxic Free Kids Act, and the opportunities for Oregon to continue to address the public health challenge of exposures to hazardous or untested chemicals.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Define the public health implications of a new federal law.
- Describe how the law will affect Oregon's public health policies related to chemicals in commerce.
- Identify future public health roles and responsibilities related to chemical management.

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