



# Toxic-Free Kids and Families Act



A Washington Toxics Coalition Factsheet

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## Please Support ESHB 2545 The Toxic-Free Kids and Families Act that Passed the House 76-21!

- Our children deserve a safe and healthy world, not exposure to toxic chemicals.
- Many of the flame retardants used in children's products and in the home are toxic.
- There are **safer alternatives** to toxic flame retardants.
- Toxic flame retardants are being phased out by major businesses and states are putting in place restrictions.

- **PBDEs, HBCD, and TBBPA** are persistent toxic chemicals that last a long time in the environment.



### The Problem

- Current state law prevents our state's health agency from prohibiting these cancer---causing and other harmful chemicals. **Other states, including Oregon, California and Minnesota can prohibit them.**
- As a result, toxic flame retardants are found in many everyday products in our homes.
- These chemicals escape into the air and dust and then can enter our bodies.
- Babies and other young children are more vulnerable than adults.
- Commonly used chemical flame retardants are linked to **cancer, harm to brain development , hormone disruption, thyroid effects, and obesity.**
- **Chlorinated Tris compounds including TDCPP and TCEP** have been designated as carcinogens.

### The Solution: Pass the Toxic--- Free Kids & Families Act

- Bans 5 flame retardants (TCEP, TDCPP, additive TBBPA, HBCD, and Deca (BDE) in **children's products and furniture.**
- Gives the state's health department the authority to restrict 6 additional flame retardants in children's products and furniture. In 2015, the Department of Ecology recommended banning the 6 additional flame retardants due to health concerns and the availability of safer alternatives.
- Ensures that safer effective alternatives are available.

