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State Representative Chuck Riley (D – Hillsboro) Urges State Lawmakers to Protect Children from the Harmful Affects of Bisphenol A

(SALEM) As Washington State and Wisconsin State Legislatures take action to protect children from the harmful affects of bisphenol A (BPA), State Representative Chuck Riley pushes his colleagues to follow suit.

“More and more studies show that the chemical BPA is harmful, especially to children.” said Riley. “Knowing that it is harmful, it would be irresponsible to not act now to protect Oregonians from this toxic chemical.”

“I urge my collages to protect children from this chemical by supporting SB 1032. We need to send the message to manufactures that Oregon will not allow our children to be poisoned by their products.” stated Riley.

BPA was developed as a synthetic sex hormone in the 1930s but is now used in common household materials, including some clear, rigid plastic water bottles, baby bottles, reusable food containers, and in the lining of food cans. It is one of the most common chemicals produced in the world.

Testing in 2007 by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found 93 percent of Americans age 6 and up were exposed to BPA. Children in the study had the highest levels of BPA, followed by teens and adults.

“The five leading manufacturers of baby bottles have all started using BPA-free alternatives but others need to follow suit. The time is now to rid our store shelves of this harmful chemical. I hope that my colleagues take action now.”

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