

EHB 2322 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.95L.005 and 1993 c 118 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

6 (1) Phosphorus loading of surface waters can stimulate the growth
7 of weeds and algae, and that such growth can have adverse
8 environmental, health, and aesthetic effects;

9 (2) Household detergents contribute to phosphorus loading, and that
10 a limit on detergents containing phosphorus can significantly reduce
11 the discharge of phosphorus into the state's surface and ground waters;

12 (3) Household detergents containing no or very low phosphorus are
13 readily available and that over thirty percent of the United States
14 population lives in areas with a ban on detergents containing
15 phosphorus; (~~and~~)

16 (4) Phosphorus limits on household detergents can significantly
17 reduce treatment costs at those sewage treatment facilities that remove
18 phosphorus from the waste stream; and

19 (5) While significant reductions of phosphorus from laundry
20 detergent have been accomplished, similar progress in reducing
21 phosphorus contributions from dishwashing detergents has not been
22 achieved.

23 It is therefore the intent of the legislature to impose a statewide
24 limit on the phosphorus content of household detergents.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95L.020 and 1993 c 118 s 3 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) After July 1, 1994, a person may not sell or distribute for
28 sale a laundry detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorus
29 by weight.

1 (2) After July 1, 1994, and until July 1, 2008, a person may not
2 sell or distribute for sale a dishwashing detergent that contains 8.7
3 percent or more phosphorous by weight. After July 1, 2008, a person
4 may not sell or distribute for sale a dishwashing detergent that
5 contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorous by weight.

6 (3) This section does not apply to the sale or distribution of
7 detergents for commercial and industrial uses."

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8 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "detergent;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 70.95L.005 and
10 70.95L.020."

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