
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1148 (Sharp-Collins) - Food packaging: hazardous chemicals

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: E.Q. 5 - 0, HEALTH 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale, or offering for sale in the state any food packaging that contains intentionally added bisphenols or ortho-phthalates, and would, upon appropriation, require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to adopt regulations to establish a threshold for bisphenols and ortho-phthalates in food packaging that are not intentionally added, among other things.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs, potentially in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually (Toxic Substances Control Account [TSCA]), for DTSC to fully implement the provisions of this bill. Staff notes that portions of this bill would be contingent upon appropriation, and DTSC would be authorized--but not required--to implement other provisions. DTSC notes that, should the bill be fully implemented, the resources needed for implementation may result in an estimated increase to the Environmental Fee by less than 1 percent.
- Possible costs (General Fund, special funds) to the Department of Justice (DOJ) of an unknown amount. Actual costs would depend on whether the Attorney General pursues enforcement actions, and, if so, the level of additional staffing needed by DOJ to handle the related workload. DOJ anticipates any enforcement-related workload related to this bill to be absorbable within existing resources.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would require DTSC to issue guidance on methods for demonstrating compliance with the threshold, among other things.

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