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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice and Franklin

Brief Description: Requiring safe burning cigarettes.

SB 5424 - DIGEST

Provides that, by January 1, 2003, the director of fire protection shall adopt by rule fire safe standards for cigarettes sold or offered for sale. The standards must ensure that:

(1) Cigarettes once ignited will stop burning within a reasonable period of time as determined by the director; or

(2) Cigarettes will have a limited risk of igniting upholstered furniture, mattresses, or other household furnishings as determined by the director.

Requires the director to report to the senate and house labor and commerce committees by September 1, 2003, regarding the status of rule making.

Requires the director to consult with the director of health to consider whether cigarettes manufactured in accordance with this act may result in increased health risks to consumers.

Requires that, by January 1, 2004, the director shall report to the senate and house labor and commerce committees about whether cigarettes manufactured in accordance with this act result in increased health risks to consumers.