

**EHB 2322** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 03/01/2006

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)(a) After July 1, 1994, and until the dates specified in (b) of  
2 this subsection, a person may not sell or distribute for sale a  
3 dishwashing detergent that contains 8.7 percent or more phosphorous by  
4 weight.

5        (b) A person may not sell or distribute for sale a dishwashing  
6 detergent that contains 0.5 percent or more phosphorus by weight:

7        (i) Commencing July 1, 2008, in counties with populations, as  
8 determined by office of financial management population estimates:

9        (A) Greater than one hundred eighty thousand and less than two  
10 hundred twenty thousand; and

11        (B) Greater than three hundred ninety thousand and less than six  
12 hundred fifty thousand;

13        (ii) Commencing July 1, 2010, throughout the state.

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

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16        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "detergent;" strike the  
17 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 70.95L.005 and  
18 70.95L.020."

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