

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5628

As of February 10, 2025

Title: An act relating to lead in cookware.

Brief Description: Concerning lead in cookware.

Sponsors: Senators Harris, Shewmake, Hasegawa, Stanford, Trudeau and Valdez.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Energy & Technology: 2/11/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Clarifies the definitions of component and cookware to specify that inaccessible components and large appliances are not included.
- Adds utensils as items subject to the lead in cookware standards.
- Specifies that the lead in cookware requirements apply to manufacturers of cookware.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

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Background: In 2024, the Legislature adopted restrictions on the use of lead in cookware. Beginning January 1, 2026:

- manufacturers and wholesalers may not manufacture, distribute, or sell or offer for sale cookware or cookware components containing lead or lead compounds at a level exceeding five parts per million (ppm); and
- retailers may not knowingly sell or knowingly offer for sale cookware or cookware components containing lead or lead compounds at a level exceeding five ppm.

These restrictions do not apply to sales of previously owned cookware in casual and isolated

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sales or by nonprofit organizations.

Summary of Bill: No cookware, cookware component, or utensils manufactured after January 1, 2026 containing lead or lead compounds at a level of more than five ppm may be sold, offered for sale, distributed for sale, or distributed for use in Washington. Manufacturers may not knowingly manufacture cookware components or utensils exceeding the prescribed lead thresholds.

Manufacturers and retailers who unknowingly sell products restricted under this chapter are not liable.

Cookware does not include large appliances.

Components include griddles and other cooktop surfaces that touch food. Components do not include inaccessible components or parts of cookware that are entirely enclosed with another material.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 2, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.