

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 18, 2018

1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Andy Josephson, Co-Chair
Representative Geran Tarr, Co-Chair
Representative John Lincoln, Vice Chair
Representative Harriet Drummond
Representative Justin Parish
Representative Chris Birch
Representative George Rauscher
Representative David Talerico

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative DeLena Johnson
Representative Mike Chenault (alternate)
Representative Chris Tuck (alternate)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

"An Act relating to the disclosure of the ingredients in cosmetics; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD & HELD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 28

SHORT TITLE: COSMETICS INGREDIENTS DISCLOSURE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) TARR

01/18/17	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/9/17
01/18/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/18/17	(H)	RES, FIN
04/18/18	(H)	RES AT 1:00 PM BARNES 124

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses to record

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CO-CHAIR GERAN TARR called the House Resources Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Representatives Tarr, Birch, Parish, Lincoln, and Josephson were present at the call to order. Representatives Rauscher, Talerico, and Drummond arrived as the meeting was in progress.

HB 28-COSMETICS INGREDIENTS DISCLOSURE

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CO-CHAIR TARR announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 28, "An Act relating to the disclosure of the ingredients in cosmetics; and providing for an effective date."

CO-CHAIR TARR handed the gavel to Co-Chair Josephson and presented HB 28 as prime sponsor. She spoke to the labeling and regulation of cosmetics, personal care products, and drugs. She gave the example of anti-dandruff shampoo, which is regulated as both a cosmetic and as a drug. She presented a PowerPoint on "House Bill 28 - Cosmetic Ingredient Disclosure" [included in committee packet]. She said that some slides were from the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics.

CO-CHAIR TARR pointed to the list of "Chemicals of Concern" on slide 7:

- SODIUM LAURYL/LAURETH SULFATE (SLS AND SLES)
- PETROLEUM/PARAFFIN/MINERAL OIL
- FORMALDEHYDE
- HYDROQUINONE
- MERCURY (THIMEROSAL AND MERTHIOLATE)
- PARABENS (ISOBUTYLPARABEN, BUTYLPARABEN, METHYLPARABEN, PROPYLPARABEN)
- PHTHALATES (DBP, DEHP, DEP)
- SYNTHETIC FRAGRANCE/PARFUM
- PROPYLENE GLYCOL
- TRICLOSAN

CO-CHAIR TARR drew attention to parabens and phthalates, which were further examined on slide 8. She pointed out which products the compounds are found in, the related health concerns, what to look for on the label, and related regulations.

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CO-CHAIR TARR stated that there is more research in the European Union on chemicals than in U.S. She said that even though there is no ban, there is pressure to change from the use of some of the compounds by consumer demand.

CO-CHAIR TARR spoke to the health concerns due to exposure to chemicals, listed on slide 10:

- Cancer
- Reproductive Health disorders
- Developmental toxicity
- Allergies
- Endocrine disruption
- Immunotoxicity
- Neurodevelopmental disorders

CO-CHAIR TARR spoke to the use of cosmetics in cancer patients and pregnant women. She underlined the necessity to label products which may be unsafe, particularly for consumers with health needs.

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CO-CHAIR TARR stated the bill would require all ingredients be listed on the manufacturer web site. She highlighted that it would not require lists to be present on products as it would increase costs to businesses.

REPRESENTATIVE BIRCH asked whether there would be a threshold number of the elements.

CO-CHAIR TARR pointed to page 1, lists 9 through 12. She paraphrased from the section, which read as follows:

- 9 (b) The list of ingredients in (a) of this
section must list the ingredients in
10 descending order of the predominance of each
ingredient in the cosmetic, except that a
11 manufacturer may list an ingredient without
respect to order of predominance if the
12 ingredient is present in the cosmetic at a
concentration of one percent or less.

CO-CHAIR TARR spoke to fillers. She said that inexpensive herbal supplements can contain fillers. She added that in China lead can be used in glazes for houseware products. She stated that for endocrine disruptors, even limited exposure is a problem.

REPRESENTATIVE BIRCH asked whether the motivation for the proposal was due to erroneous labeling.

CO-CHAIR TARR answered the biggest difference concerns fragrances. She said some products may have phthalates, but only list fragrances.

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CO-CHAIR JOSEPHSON suggested that with the proposal, manufacturer would have to list more elements; however, consumer would have to be vigilant about looking at the labels.

CO-CHAIR TARR added that some retailers are self-regulating.

CO-CHAIR JOSEPHSON mentioned other current legislation which would require the state to be more vigilant about oversight of wholesale pharmaceuticals. He referred to a study carried out in the state which showed the chemical blueprint of individual consumers. He asked whether those chemicals stay in the system.

CO-CHAIR TARR answered that some chemicals bind with fat cells and are expelled over time. She added that another study had found chemicals in breast milk of far North mothers which found chemicals not available in the area due to pollution in the air. She mentioned persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER asked why the elements are not already required.

CO-CHAIR TARR answered the federal laws are outdated. She stated that the earlier belief was that some of the chemicals were not a problem. She said recent studies are being carried out to more fully understand the effects.

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REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER asked how far behind the federal government is in establishing similar requirements.

CO-CHAIR TARR suggested business interests can make changes difficult. She said states are taking action and may prompt federal action. She reiterated that new information is available today.

REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER asked where to find out what is in the products he purchases if they are not listed on the packaging.

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CO-CHAIR TARR pointed to the web sites in slide 13. She said overall health is based on multiple factors. She referred to cancer survivors and the need to be aware of ingredients in cosmetics.

REPRESENTATIVE DRUMMOND said she is interested in Alaska-made products. She mentioned a soap company in her area which makes its products using "good ingredients."

CO-CHAIR TARR added that cosmetic regulations are over 75 years old. She mentioned that it is a major industry.

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[HB 28 was held over.]

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ADJOURNMENTS

There being no further business before the committee, the House Resources Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.