

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

## RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

## "CHAPTER

## MICROFIBER FILTRATION SYSTEMS IN WASHING MACHINES

§ -A Definitions. As used in this chapter:

"Department" means the department of health.

8 "Microfiber filtration system" means a filtration system  
9 that:

10 (1) Is active across all washing cycles of a washing  
11 machine:

12 (2) Contains a microfiber filter that:

(A) Has a mesh size of 100 micrometers or less; or

14 (B) Meets another standard as determined by the

15 department to provide equal or greater efficacy  
16 in reducing microfiber pollution as compared to



1                   microfiber filter with a mesh size of not greater  
2                   than 100 micrometers; and

3               (3) Is either:

4               (A) Built into a newly manufactured washing machine;

5                   or

6               (B) An in-line filtration system that is packaged  
7                   with and capable of being installed with a newly  
8                   manufactured washing machine.

9               "Manufacturer" means any individual, partnership,  
10              corporation, association, or other legal relationship that is  
11              engaged in the manufacture, assembly, or production of washing  
12              machines.

13               "Units sold" means the total number of newly manufactured  
14              washing machines that are offered or distributed for sale within  
15              the State by a manufacturer, directly or through a retailer,  
16              distributor, or other intermediary, including through online or  
17              catalog channels, during a given year.

18               "Washing machine" means a machine designed and used for  
19              washing clothes and linens and includes residential and  
20              commercial washing machines.



1        **S -B Washing machines; microfiber filtration systems;**  
2        **requirements.** (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
3        beginning January 1, 2032, no manufacturer shall sell, offer to  
4        sell, or cause to be distributed for sale within the State a  
5        newly manufactured washing machine that fails to meet the  
6        requirements of subsection (d).

7                (b) For each calendar year, the percentage of newly  
8        manufactured washing machines offered or distributed for sale in  
9        the State that are equipped with a microfiber filtration system  
10      pursuant to subsection (d) shall be as follows:

11                (1) Beginning January 1, 2032, not less than ten per cent  
12                of units sold;

13                (2) Beginning January 1, 2037, not less than fifty per  
14                cent of units sold; and

15                (3) Beginning January 1, 2042, not less than one hundred  
16                per cent of units sold.

17                (c) Beginning January 1, 2042, no retailer or distributor  
18        may sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale within the  
19        State a newly manufactured washing machine that does not meet  
20        the requirements of subsection (d).



15           § -C **Certification; requirements.** (a) Each  
16 manufacturer of a newly manufactured washing machine sold,  
17 offered for sale, or caused to be sold or distributed for sale  
18 in the State shall certify with the department, in a form and  
19 manner as determined by the department, that the manufacturer is  
20 in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.  
21           (b) The certificate shall, at a minimum, include:



3 (2) A signed attestation of compliance by an authorized  
4 official or agent of the manufacturer.

5        **§ -D Penalties.** (a) Any manufacturer found in  
6        violation of this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of  
7        no more than \$10,000 for a first violation and no more than  
8        \$30,000 for each subsequent violation.

15 (c) This section shall not impair any other rights, causes  
16 of action, claims, or defenses available under any other law.

17 The penalties provided under this section shall be considered  
18 cumulative with any other remedies provided by law.

19        **§ -E Rules.** The department may adopt rules in  
20      accordance with chapter 91 for the purposes of this section,  
21      including but not limited to:



14 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
15 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
16 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
17 the new sections in this Act.

**18** SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1569

**Report Title:**

DOH; Newly Manufactured Washing Machines; Microfiber Filters; Requirements

**Description:**

Phases in requirements that all newly manufactured washing machines sold within the State by January 1, 2042, be equipped with a microfiber filter. Requires certification that newly manufactured washing machines have microfiber filters. Establishes penalties.

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