


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 903 (SKINNER), THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION, SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING INTENTIONALLY ADDED PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL (ALSO KNOWN AS TOXIC FOREVER CHEMICALS)

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been on the forefront of environmental policy for decades; and

WHEREAS, the detrimental effects of climate change pose significant risk to the long-term economic success of our state and the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, PFAS (perfluoralkyl and polyfluoralkyl) are known as “forever chemicals” because they linger in the environment for hundreds of thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, PFAS are used in a wide range of products because of their stain- and water-resistant and nonstick properties. Forever chemicals are used in clothing, packaging, plastic food ware, cleaning products, ski waxes, menstrual products, metal products, paints, propellants, coatings, and much more; and

WHEREAS, due to the widespread use of PFAS, forever chemicals have now been found in water supplies, food, soil and more, making their presence ubiquitous throughout the environment. PFAS are associated with a range of harmful health effects, including multiple types of cancer; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being associated to higher rates of kidney and testicular cancer, exposure to PFAS has been linked¹ to high cholesterol and harmful impacts on the liver, kidneys, and immune, nervous, and reproductive systems; and

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7906952/>

WHEREAS, Under Senate Bill (SB) 903, the sale of products with PFAS would be banned by 2030 except when the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has determined that the presence of PFAS in a product is unavoidable because there currently is no safer alternative and the product is necessary for human health and safety or the functioning of society; and

WHEREAS, SB 903 is also sponsored by the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, Clean Water Action, and Environmental Working Group; therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland endorses Senate Bill 903 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator or his designee to immediately distribute this Resolution upon its adoption to Governor Gavin Newsom and State Senator Skinner.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California