

## Zero Waste Washington

We are disappointed that all of the recommended actions are voluntary or research-oriented. We would like to see some actions that would directly lead to restrictions, bans and other actions that would make meaningful reductions in phthalates use soon. There are enough studies already, as is shown in the summarized information in the action plan, that demonstrate that we need to eliminate phthalate exposures to human and wildlife now. Each action should have an action outcome, rather than a drawn-out study-oriented outcome. For example, labeling of products should be mandated, not through a voluntary workgroup process.

There are steps that Ecology and other state agencies can do now, such as update state procurement contracts to restrict the purchase of products with phthalates, not just provide guidance. This would serve as a model for other contracts and institutions. And state building projects (page 62) should be mandated to use phthalate-free products if they are available as alternatives as building and construction materials.

The action plan should include timelines. And also the plan should prioritize the recommendations in order of impact, i.e., starting with those which would make the biggest difference for human and wildlife health.

Thank you,  
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