## **Proposed Amendments to Toxics Legislation, S.103** (Draft 1.1)

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## **Toxics Use Reduction Program Amendments:**

- Require all reporting entities to submit toxics use and hazardous waste reduction reports and performance reports to the state every three years
- Update the list of toxic chemicals covered by the Toxics Use Reduction program:
  - o Specific recommendation:
    - Section 6624 (7) (A) add (ii) the list of chemicals of high concern in 18 V.S.A. Section 1773 and (iv) the U.S.
      Environmental Protection Agency list of substances identified as persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemical substances.
  - Ask Interagency Task Force to consider other updates to the list of chemicals
  - Ask Interagency Task Force to set thresholds of use of these chemicals by rule that trigger a requirement that entities must report under this program

## **Require Testing of Groundwater for Certain Toxic Chemicals:**

- Support Sections 9-11 (pages 42-47) of S.103 as introduced
- The Senate already passed this same language last year, and it would simply help ensure when wells are drilled or people purchase a property they can be confident their water does not contain certain known toxic chemicals.

## Improvement to Reporting Program for Chemicals of High Concern in Children's Products:

- Update Section 1775, Disclosure of Information on Chemicals of High Concern so consumers can tell which children's products have been reported to contain harmful chemicals.
  - o Section 1775 (b)
    - (2) the name of the product containing the chemical, a description of the product or product component containing the chemical;
    - (3) the universal product code for the product containing the chemical