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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR0170 SD1  
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INVESTIGATE AND IMPLEMENT  
POLICIES TO REDUCE THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS, PACKAGING, OR  
MATERIALS CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL  
SUBSTANCES INTO THE STATE**

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Hearing Date: 4/11/2024 Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure will impact the priorities identified in the Governor's  
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and  
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Testimony:** SCR0170 SD1 requests that the Department investigate and  
5 implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing  
6 perfluoroalkyl and/or polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively and commonly known as PFAS)  
7 into the State, and that the Department pursue funding for implementation.

8 The Department acknowledges the concerns raised by this resolution and recognizes the  
9 importance of reducing the number of PFAS products entering the State and to identify and  
10 implement policies to achieve import reductions. The Department will take the recommendations  
11 outlined in this resolution under advisement.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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Comments:

I support this resolution. PFAS are very harmful to human health. We must take steps to prevent exposure to these forever chemicals.