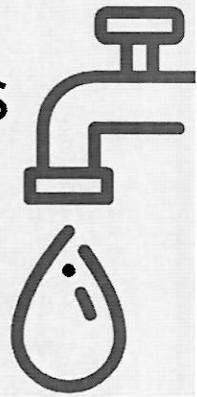


SUPPORT SB24-81 PFAS Chemicals

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The Problem

- PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are toxic, man-made chemicals that jeopardize our health. They spread quickly in the environment and accumulate in our bodies. Today, 99% of Americans have these “forever chemicals” in their blood, including babies.
- Exposure to PFAS is linked to serious health effects – including cancer; reproductive issues; hormone disruption; immune system harm; and damage to liver, thyroid, and pancreatic function. Communities of color and developing children are especially vulnerable.
- PFAS were designed to be indestructible and to resist heat and water. Because of this, they are commonly used in industrial processes, and everyday consumer products.
- Products containing PFAS ultimately end up in the air, contaminate landfills, and drain into our rivers. Everyday products should not poison Colorado’s limited water supply, which are already under pressure from increased demand and climate-driven drought.
- CDPHE data shows widespread PFAS contamination in Colorado’s waters, and taxpayers are shouldering high clean up costs. To date, over \$51 million has been spent on clean up in Colorado.
- Many other states and the federal government are taking urgent action to address PFAS contamination. In March 2023, the EPA proposed protective national standards to limit six per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.

The Solution

- SB24-81 builds on prior legislation to address PFAS contamination in Colorado. It will keep Colorado at the forefront of action to address PFAS, and will reduce exposure to harmful PFAS chemicals that put our health at risk.
- Starting in 2026, the bill phases out intentionally-added PFAS in cookware, dental floss, menstruation products, ski wax – all products that have been banned or restricted by other states.
- Starting in 2028, the bill phases out intentionally-added PFAS in textiles, including apparel and accessories.
- The bill also prohibits a person from installing artificial turf that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals on state property.
- HB24-81 will safeguard our water resources, protect public health, and continue to move Colorado towards a future in which our everyday products are free of toxic chemicals.

