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**SENATE BILL 5494**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting products that contain olefins  
2 derived from methanol manufactured from natural gas; and adding a new  
3 chapter to Title 70A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department  
6 of ecology destroyed the opportunity to create quality jobs in  
7 Washington when it denied required permits for the Kalama  
8 manufacturing and marine export facility based on a flawed emissions  
9 analysis. However, the legislature also recognizes that products  
10 containing olefins, the substances that would have ultimately been  
11 created from methanol produced by the canceled plant, will be  
12 manufactured elsewhere and remain widely distributed in commerce in  
13 Washington. The problem is that Washington will not realize the  
14 economic benefits of contributing to the creation of these products,  
15 because the state concluded that the manufacturing process does not  
16 comply with Washington's rules for reducing global emissions.  
17 Therefore, to maintain consistency with the department of ecology's  
18 considered judgment about the global environmental destructiveness of  
19 methanol manufacturing, the legislature finds that products that  
20 contain olefins derived from methanol manufactured from natural gas

1 should be prohibited in Washington in order to help the state achieve  
2 its emissions goals.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** No manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer  
4 may knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or  
5 distribute for use products, or components of products, that contain  
6 olefins derived from methanol manufactured from natural gas.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a  
8 new chapter in Title 70A RCW.

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