

HCS HB 918 -- CIVIL ACTIONS (Black)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Commerce

This bill specifies that, in any civil action for personal injury, death, or property damage caused by a product, the plaintiff must prove that the defendant designed, manufactured, sold, or leased the actual product that caused the injury. Designers, manufacturers, sellers, or lessors of products not identified as having been used, ingested, or encountered by an injured party will not be held liable for any alleged injury.

A person or business entity whose design is copied or otherwise used by a manufacturer without the designer's express authorization will not be subject to liability for personal injury, death, or property damage, even if the use of the design is foreseeable.

The bill does not alter or affect any other provision of law, including mislabeling, fraud, deceptive merchandising practices, those provisions that apply to successor entities, distributors, component manufacturers, or manufacturers who use component parts to assemble products for sale as complete units or to the operation of contracts, including a licensing agreement.

This bill is similar to SB 552 (2025).