

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 479

STATUS: B-Engrossed

SUBJECT: Prohibit use of R type metal halide or mercury vapor light bulbs in schools; require replacement of those bulbs with T type metal halide or mercury vapor light bulbs or other alternative bulbs.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Local Education Agencies, Public Charter Schools

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2007-2009

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EXPENDITURES:

See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The direct fiscal effect would occur during Fiscal Year 2007-08 on those school districts and public charter schools that have not already changed out, or prepared to change out, the R type light bulbs with T type light bulbs. Districts would have to comply with the requirement within six months of the measure's effective date, or December 31, 2007.

The fiscal impact on districts is indeterminate. No data is available to identify all school locations that would be required to replace bulbs, or what replacement bulb choices would be made by a school district given the explicit allowance for alternatives to T type light bulbs, or how many fewer bulbs would need to be replaced by the explicit exclusion of lights of stadium fields and outdoor athletic fields contained in the B-Engrossed bill. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) understands that some school districts have already changed-out light bulbs, and others are currently in the process of implementing this measure's requirements.

The availability of Federal or other grants, rebates or private sources of revenue available to offset some of the new expenditures has not been researched by the LFO.