

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	3 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Bates, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	Beyer
Exc.:	Atkinson
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Meeting Dates:	5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes minimum energy efficiency standards and operative dates for certain products. Allows the Director of the Department of Energy to adopt rules in certain cases to modify and set operative dates for minimum energy efficiency standards. Directs the Governor to introduce legislation to conform the statutory minimum efficiency standards and operative dates with department rules. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- California as the energy efficiency standard bearer in the absence of a national standard
- Whether the Department of Energy should revise standard and operative dates by rule
- Benefits to appliance manufacturers of uniform standards for west coast states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2005 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3363, which set energy efficiency standards for a suite of electronic appliances and equipment modeled after the standards adopted by California and other western states. Subsequent to passage of House Bill 3363, the California Energy Commission modified its energy efficiency standards and effective dates for several products. Consequently, Oregon's standard now departs from California's standard with respect to single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supply devices and state-regulated incandescent reflector lamps. Single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supplies are plug-in devices that charge direct current (DC) electronic equipment; examples include chargers for portable phones, cellular phones, police radios and medical equipment.

House Bill 2565 revises Oregon law related to minimum energy efficiency standards for single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supply devices to conform to California standards and operative dates. The measure applies existing energy efficiency standards to state-regulated incandescent reflector lamps manufactured on or after January 1, 2008 and excludes certain incandescent reflector lamps from energy efficiency standards. The Department of Energy may postpone operative dates for standards for up to two years if other states have done so. The measure authorizes the department to update energy efficiency standards by rule to conform to adjoining states' standards and directs the Governor to cause to be introduced legislation to conform the statutory minimum efficiency standards and operative dates with department rules.