

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires use of self-extinguishing light bulbs in schools as of July 1, 2008. Requires schools to replace non-self-extinguishing metal halide or mercury vapor light bulbs with T-type light bulbs or alternative lighting on or before July 1, 2008. Exempts stadiums and outdoor athletic fields. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complaints lodged with the Consumer Protection Agency
- Effective date of the measure
- Number of districts with R-type bulbs
- Cost of replacing bulbs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Exempts stadiums and outdoor athletic fields. Permits non-self-extinguishing bulbs to be replaced with alternative lighting such as fluorescent lighting.

BACKGROUND: T-type metal halide lamps are designed to self-extinguish within 15 minutes after the outer glass envelope is broken or punctured. They are more expensive than the non-self-extinguishing R-Type. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends replacement of open or wire grid fixtures with enclosed fixtures. They also recommend replacement of non-self-extinguishing R-type high intensity metal halide and mercury vapor light bulbs used in open or wire grid fixtures with self-extinguishing T-type light bulbs in schools and other indoor, all-purpose facilities.