

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 3 - 2 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Prozanski
Nays: Boquist, Whitsett
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the statute of ultimate repose for product liability actions, including wrongful death, to 10 years or the statute of ultimate repose of the state in which the product was manufactured or from which it was imported, whichever is later. Exempts manufactured homes. Applies to causes of action arising after the effective date. Exempts physicians unless involved in the manufacture or design of the product. Exempts product liability actions for damages from halide or mercury vapor light bulbs from being subject to any statute of repose. Applies retroactively to halide or mercury vapor light bulbs product liability suits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure. This bill was originally heard as SB 307.

BACKGROUND: The statute of ultimate repose is the time limit under which any product liability action for personal injury or property damage must be commenced. The time limit is currently eight years.