

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Atkinson
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Meeting Dates:	2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions related to determination of return share and return share by weight of televisions (TVs) in the electronics recycling program. Directs that return share and return share by weight for television manufacturers be based on manufacturer's percentage of total number of TVs sold in Oregon during previous calendar year. Authorizes Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use specified data to determine percentage and to require that manufacturers submit data in specific format. Authorizes DEQ to add surcharge to annual registration fee if necessary to cover additional costs of making market share determinations. Directs that recycling fees for state contractor program be based on manufacturer's annual return share and return share by weight. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amount of electronics recycled in 2009
- Current ability of companies who no longer manufacture TVs to participate in state contractor program without paying fees
- Applicability to TV manufacturers only
- Adoption of similar approach in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2626 (2007) created a statewide collection, transportation and recycling system for the recycling of covered electronic devices. The program requires manufacturers to provide free recycling for televisions and desktop and portable computers. Manufacturers must either pay a recycling fee to participate in the State Contractor Program (SCP) or join a manufacturer-run program that pays its own costs. Under the current statute, the cost of participating in the SCP is calculated differently for television manufacturers than other electronic manufacturers. Television manufacturers pay based on market share, other electronic manufacturers pay based on return share. The current method of calculation has led television manufacturers with market share to leave the state program.

House Bill 3606A specifies that the total recycling weight assigned to all television manufacturers in the state is allocated based on respective market share. Fees for television manufacturers in the SCP would continue to be based on market share.