

HB 4060 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Carrier: Rep. Helfrich

Action Date: 02/12/26

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Yeas: 12 - Andersen, Cate, Edwards, Gamba, Helm, Levy B, Levy E, Lively, Marsh, McDonald, Osborne, Owens

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure exempts, until January 1, 2030, sales to purchasers with facilities totaling more than 1 million square feet from the prohibition on the sale of certain fluorescent lamps. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Unintended consequences of the prohibition on the sale of certain fluorescent lamps

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Fluorescent bulbs, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, contain mercury, which can be released into the environment as a liquid or vapor when the bulbs break. According to the World Health Organization, exposure to mercury can cause adverse health effects in humans.

In 2023, House Bill 2531 prohibited the sale and the distribution in or into Oregon of new screw- or bayonet-base type compact fluorescent lamps and new pin-base type compact fluorescent lamps and linear fluorescent lamps. The act provided exemptions for certain scientific, image-capturing, research, and manufacturing purposes. House Bill 2307 (2025) exempted, until January 2, 2030, lamps purchased by school districts from the prohibition on the sale of certain fluorescent lamps.