

Support House Bill 4060 with Forthcoming Amendment

A Necessary Extension to the Fluorescent Lamp Ban Compliance Timeline

House Bill 4060 supports thoughtful implementation of Oregon’s fluorescent lamp policy by **allowing for safe, efficient and sustainable lighting conversions**. A realistic transition timeline reduces waste, improves safety, and ensures long-term compliance through durable infrastructure upgrades rather than short-lived interim solutions.

Background

In 2023, Oregon enacted a ban on the sale and distribution of fluorescent lamps. While existing fixtures may remain in use, fluorescent bulbs are no longer available to purchase in Oregon. Although the policy was well intended, it did not fully account for the scale, cost and lead time required for large organizations to transition to LED systems. In 2025, the Legislature recognized these challenges and extended the compliance deadline for school districts to January 2, 2030, establishing a clear precedent for additional transition time where needed.

The Challenge for Large Facilities

For large facilities operating multiple buildings, compliance requires a full LED conversion that includes replacing ballasts, rewiring fixtures, installing new lighting systems and coordinating specialized electrical work across multiple sites. These projects require multi-year planning, supply chain coordination and significant capital investment.

Inefficiency of Temporary LED Substitutions

Without sufficient transition time, facilities are forced to rely on temporary “screw-in” LED substitutions that are not designed to support fluorescent fixtures. These stop-gap solutions fail prematurely and introduce safety risks – such as ballast-related incompatibilities that cause flickering, prevent dimming, and can trigger headaches. Improperly designed LED retrofits also create uneven lighting conditions that strain workers’ eyes, contribute to fatigue, and ultimately reduce productivity across affected areas. Lastly, improper LED fixtures lead to the premature disposal of fluorescent bulbs that still have usable life, ultimately generating more waste and working against the state’s sustainability goals.

Why House Bill 4060 is Necessary

House Bill 4060 provides targeted extensions to allow organizations to plan, budget and implement full LED retrofits in a coordinated way that preserves the intended sustainability goals. This approach ensures the state’s commitment to energy efficiency while recognizing that large-scale retrofits require a longer, carefully planned runway to convert safely, effectively, and sustainably.