

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 9, 2008  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1230  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Cleaning Agents Containing Phosphorus**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (Toxics) has been participating in the Governor’s Green Chemistry Initiative (the Initiative), which entails developing a set of coordinated strategies intended to identify more effective approaches for dealing with the hazardous effects of many industrial chemicals, including cleaning agents used in detergents.

This bill would prohibit, commencing July 1, 2010, the sale, manufacture or distribution of cleaning agents (e.g., home laundry detergent, dishwashing compounds, etc.) containing more than 0.5 percent phosphorous. The bill also would authorize, but not require, Toxics to promulgate regulations governing regulatory exemptions that would be provided under this bill.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

- qToxics reports that the provisions of the bill would result in one-time regulatory development costs of \$50,000. Finance has not validated the cost estimates, but assumes the costs would be split evenly in 2008-09 (\$25,000) and 2009-10 (\$25,000).
- Toxics reports the regulatory development costs would be chargeable to the General Fund, since it is unknown whether exemptions would be requested from companies that currently pay hazardous waste fees.

**COMMENTS**

Finance is opposed to the bill for the following reasons:

- It may be premature to establish additional product prohibitions until the Initiative results have been finalized. Initiative Policy recommendations may be available by July 2008, and at that time, California Environmental Protection Agency’ boards and departments will be in a better position to know how to respond to concerns raised in this bill.
- The bill would result in GF costs above the Governor’s current fiscal plan.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)									Fund Code
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	
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