

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 2, 2007
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 332
AUTHOR: E. Corbett

BILL SUMMARY: Energy: Appliance Efficiency: Entertainment Networks

This bill would require the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC), by July 1, 2008, to develop a priority list of appliances that includes televisions and computer monitors to identify the appliances that would likely provide the largest, most cost-effective energy efficiency savings.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Developing the priority list would not have a fiscal impact because the bill would require the CEC to develop the list within existing resources. According to the CEC, it is a labor intensive process to develop the efficiency test procedures, and doing so would require four positions at a cost of \$480,000 annually and \$500,000 in one-time contract funds.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the May 1, 2007 version include the following significant amendment which does not change our position:

- The bill no longer requires the CEC to adopt energy efficiency regulations, or provide a progress report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009.

COMMENTS

Finance opposes this bill because it is unnecessary, and it would result in significant additional costs to the ERPA, which may necessitate a fee increase on electricity consumers.

The bill does not require the CEC to institute energy efficiency standards for televisions, computer monitors, and other home entertainment and network systems appliances, but does require the CEC to determine which appliances from this group have the greatest potential energy efficiency benefit.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	
3360/Energy Comm	SO	No	C	\$610	C	\$970	C	\$720	0465
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0465	Energy Resources Programs Account								