

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/19/2012
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 1076
AUTHOR: Emmerson, Bill
RELATED BILLS: SB 211

BILL SUMMARY: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: tire inflation regulation.

Pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Act), the Air Resources Board (Air Board) is required to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions. Under authority of the Act, the Air Board adopted a tire pressure regulation requiring automobile service providers to check and inflate vehicle tires to the recommended pressure rating when performing automobile maintenance or repair services.

This bill would require a pressure gauge used to meet the requirements of the tire pressure regulation to be accurate within a range of plus or minus two pounds per square inch of pressure. Additionally, the bill would authorize automotive service providers to meet the regulation requirements without checking and inflating a vehicle's tires under specified conditions related to tire safety. The bill's provisions sunset January 1, 2018.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Air Board estimates costs to revise the existing automotive service provider tire inflation regulation pursuant to the bill should be minor and absorbable.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to the bill, because its provisions would put requirements in statute (tire pressure gauge specifications) more appropriately included in regulations. Statutorily specifying regulatory requirements would limit the ability of the Air Board to revise the regulation as needed.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)					Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)						
	CO	PROP						
	RV	98	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	FC	2014-2015
3900/Air Res Bd	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal	-----	0115
<u>Fund Code</u>		<u>Title</u>						
0115		Air Pollution Control Fund						

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