

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires use of self-extinguishing light bulbs in schools as of July 1, 2008. Requires schools to replace non-self-extinguishing metal halide or mercury vapor light bulbs with T-type light bulbs on or before July 1, 2008. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Complaints lodged with the Consumer Protection Agency
- Effective date of the measure
- Number of districts with R-type bulbs
- Cost of replacing bulbs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** T-type metal halide lamps are designed to self-extinguish within 15 minutes after the outer glass envelope is broken or punctured. They are more expensive than the non-self-extinguishing R-Type. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends replacement of open or wire grid fixtures with enclosed fixtures or replacement of non-self-extinguishing R-type high intensity metal halide and mercury vapor light bulbs used in open or wire grid fixtures with self-extinguishing T-type light bulbs in schools and other indoor, all-purpose facilities.