

HB 2307 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure exempts school districts from the prohibition on the sale or distribution in or into Oregon of compact fluorescent lamps and linear fluorescent lamps until January 2, 2030. The exemption applies to lamps used in school buildings. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue Impact: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes 49, Nays 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs to school districts from the compact fluorescent light bulb ban
- Timing for switching out light fixtures
- Fines associated with non-compliance with compact fluorescent light bulb ban
- School compliance timeline
- Replacement options for school districts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Fluorescent bulbs, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, contain mercury which can be released into the environment as a liquid or vapor when a bulb breaks. According to the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#), mercury exposure can cause adverse health effects in humans.

In 2023, [House Bill 2531](#) prohibited the sale and the distribution in or into Oregon of new screw or bayonet-base type compact fluorescent lamps and new pin-base type compact fluorescent lamps and linear fluorescent lamps. House Bill 2531 provided exemptions for certain scientific purposes, image capturing purposes, research purposes, and manufacturing purposes.