



RON ROBERTS
VICE-CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 1, 2006
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL AB 2276 (PAVLEY): ALLOWING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO REGULATE INDOOR OZONE EMISSIONS (District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

This will allow the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop and adopt regulations to reduce emission of ozone from indoor air cleaning devices.

Recommendations

VICE-CHAIRMAN ROBERTS

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to authorize the County's legislative representatives to convey the County's support for Assembly Bill 2276.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this recommendation.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

On May 25, 2006, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) received a health update on indoor ozone generators which are sold as air purifiers. Current law allows ARB only to conduct testing and research on this health issue. The ARB currently does not have regulatory power over ozone emitting indoor air purifiers. On March 28, 2006, Assemblymember Pavley introduced Assembly Bill 2276.

This bill would require the ARB to develop and adopt regulations to reduce emissions of ozone from non-commercial, indoor air cleaning devices by January 1, 2008.

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Some devices sold as indoor air cleaners or purifiers purposely emit ozone, purportedly to clean the air. Manufacturers of such "ozone generators" often falsely claim that these devices eliminate bacteria, mold, and chemical contaminants from the air, and can help allergies, asthma, and other health conditions. The research undertaken by the ARB shows that ozone is emitted from these devices at levels harmful to health.

While some air cleaning devices are designed to emit ozone as a method of cleaning the air, they do not collect or trap particles or gases. In some devices, ozone is emitted at levels that can damage the lungs and respiratory airways. Children and the elderly are particularly susceptible to elevated ozone levels, especially those who suffer from asthma or other respiratory diseases.

This bill would allow the ARB to:

1. Set emission standards for ozone produced by indoor air cleaners.
2. Create test procedures for manufacturers to determine ozone emissions from such devices.
3. Create certification procedures.
4. Ban the sale of devices that exceed the ARB's emission standards.
5. Create product labeling requirements.

I urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s):

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District Four

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