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BILL ANALYSIS



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2008 MAY 5/7/08 PM 6:58

Bill Number: AB 2505

Bill Author: Assembly Member Julia Brownley

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDED POSITION: SUPPORT

Summary of the Bill

AB 2505 would phase out use of nonrecyclable polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging to prevent human and environmental exposure to toxins such as phthalates, which mimic human hormones and cause abnormal growth, and heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, which cause brain damage in very small amounts. It would also increase recyclability of consumer packaging, by replacing non-recyclable PVC packaging with recyclable alternatives.

Positive Factors for Oakland

AB 2505 would protect public health by as well as improve recyclability of consumer packaging. Every year brings an increase in complex, toxic and non-recyclable products and packaging. This increase is outpacing local government's ability to safely and cost-effectively handle the associated wastes. AB 2505 will result in replacing a toxic, non-recyclable packaging material with safer and more easily recycled alternatives.

Negative Factors for Oakland

None identified.

PLEASE RATE THE EFFECT OF THIS MEASURE ON THE CITY OF OAKLAND:

- Critical (top priority for City lobbyist, city position required ASAP)
 Very Important (priority for City lobbyist, city position necessary)
 Somewhat Important (City position desirable if time and resources are available)
 Minimal or None (do not review with City Council, position not required)

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Known support:

Californians Against Waste
MOMS: Making Our Milk Safe
AFSCME
Breast Cancer Fund
The Center for Environmental Health
Center for Health, Environment & Justice
Global P.E.T., Inc.
GrassRoots Recycling Network
Heal the Bay
City and County of San Francisco
Sierra Club

Known Opposition:

American Chemistry Council
American Electronics Association
California Business Properties Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California File Extruder & Converters Association
California Grocers Association
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
Chemical Industry Council of California
Industrial Environmental Association
Western States Petroleum Association
Grocery manufacturers Association
Toy Industry Association
Architectural Plastics, Inc.
California League of Food Processors
Carson Manufacturing Company

Attach bill text and state/federal legislative committee analysis, if available.

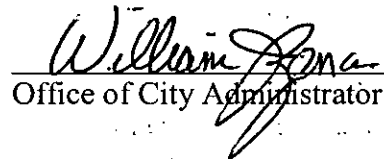
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Respectfully Submitted,



Raul Godinez II
Director, Public Works Agency

Approved for Forwarding to
Rules Committee


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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

2008 MAY -8 PM 6:50 Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 2505 (BROWNLEY) – “TOXIC PACKAGING PHASE OUT” THAT WOULD PREVENT HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE TO TOXINS AND ENCOURAGE RECYCLING OF PACKAGING BY PHASING OUT USE OF TOXIC, NONRECYCLABLE POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) PACKAGING

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City Council adopted an Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution (Resolution #80390 C.M.S), authorizing the City to pursue extended producer responsibility legislation that will give incentives for the redesign of products to make them less toxic, and shift the cost for recycling and proper disposal of products from local governments to the producer and distributor of the product; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s adopting an Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution stems from the Council’s previously adopting by Resolution #80286 C.M.S in 2006 a Zero Waste Strategic Plan which included strategies to “Advocate for Manufacturer Responsibility for Product Waste, Ban Problem Materials” and “Educate, Promote and Advocate a Zero Waste Sustainability Agenda”, and supports Oakland’s 75% Waste Diversion by 2010 and Sustainable City program budget goals that target waste diversion from landfills; and

WHEREAS, AB 2505 (Brownley) would prevent human and environmental exposure to toxins such as phthalates, and heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, by phasing out use of nonrecyclable-polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging, and improve recyclability of consumer packaging, by replacing non-recyclable PVC packaging with recyclable alternatives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: the City of Oakland declares its support for 2505 (Brownley); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City’s legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council