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# CITY OF OAKLAND

## BILL ANALYSIS



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**Bill Number:** AB 218

**Bill Author:** Assembly Member Lori Saldaña

### DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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**RECOMMENDED POSITION:** WATCH

### Summary of the Bill

AB 218 would phase out the use of hazardous materials in consumer electronic devices by implementing the same Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directive standards that have been adopted by the European Union and China.

### Positive Factors for Oakland

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, as well as increasing Oakland's future environmental liability. AB 218 would require manufacturers to produce less toxic consumer electronics products, so that these products may be excluded from items designated in 2006 by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control as a new category of hazardous waste called Universal Wastes, which include items such as computers, cellular phones, consumer batteries, and mercury-containing products such as fluorescent light bulbs which are discarded on a widespread basis throughout the state. AB 218 would require redesign of products by manufacturers to make them less toxic and more readily recyclable, which is a key goal of extended producer responsibility.

NOTE: A similar bill was vetoed during the prior legislative session by the Governor, and efforts are underway to perform technical modifications to address the Governor's concerns while still retaining the principal legislative intent and impact. The revised version was introduced on May 6, 2008 and is scheduled for its first hearing of the current legislative session on May 12, 2008.

### Negative Factors for Oakland

None identified.

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**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)

**Known support:**

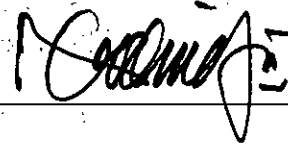
N/A – revised bill re-introduced May 6, 2008

**Known Opposition:**

N/A – revised bill re-introduced May 6, 2008

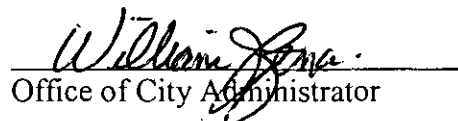
**Attach bill text and state/federal legislative committee analysis, if available.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved for Forwarding to  
Rules Committee



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