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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ENROLLED BILL REPORT

AMENDMENT DATE: June 21, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Sign

BILL NUMBER: SB 518
AUTHOR: A. Lowenthal
RELATED BILLS: SB 1258
 (Lowenthal, 2008)

ASSEMBLY: 71/0
SENATE: 32/0

BILL SUMMARY: Building Standards: Graywater

This bill will require the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) to adopt non-residential building standards for graywater systems for indoor and outdoor use. Specifically, the bill will require the Commission, at its next triennial building standards rule-making cycle beginning on or after January 1, 2011, to establish nonresidential building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of specified indoor and outdoor graywater systems. This bill also will end the authority of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to adopt standards for graywater systems when the Commission adopts such standards.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Because this bill will require the adoption of graywater standards as part of the next triennial building standards cycle, the Commission estimates any costs will be minor and absorbable. The bill also will result in minor cost savings to DWR.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance recommends this bill be signed to extend the state's established residential graywater standards to graywater re-use in non-residential occupancies and minimize the state's exposure to future water shortages.

Graywater is defined as untreated wastewater which has not come in contact with toilet waste, including but not limited to, water from bathtubs, showers, bathroom wash basin, clothes washing machines, and laundry tubs. It does not include waste water from kitchen sinks, photo lab sinks, dishwashers or laundry water from soiled diapers. Chapter 172, Statutes of 2008 (SB 1258, Lowenthal) requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, on or after January 1, 2009, to adopt construction standards for graywater systems in residential buildings and to submit the standards to the Commission for approval. It also terminated DWR's authority to adopt graywater standards related to residential buildings. This bill will extend the transition of graywater standards from the DWR to the Commission, placing all graywater standards, residential, commercial, and industrial, under the authority of the Commission.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	
					FC	FC	FC	
1760/Dept Gen Svc	SO	No				No/Minor Fiscal Impact		0666
3660/Water Res	SO	No				No/Minor Fiscal Impact		0001
Fund Code	Title							
0001	General Fund							
0666	Service Revolving Fund							

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