

## **7.i. Oppose Letters – Members/Caucus**



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September 13, 2006

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 2160 (Lieu)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I write to respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 2160 (Lieu), which, in an attempt to encourage the use of "green" building materials. This measure also requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to evaluate the cost effectiveness of state building design, construction decisions and their impact over a facility's life cycle.

In December of 2001, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a report entitled, "Life Cycle Assessment Tools to Measure Environmental Impacts." It examines a number of modeling tools that qualify potential environmental impacts of building materials and remains the primary environmental assessment document for HUD. The existing "task force" should simply review this document to establish the methodology the author wants rather than require this bill.

The U.S. Green Building Council has plentiful information available designed to give those who want to evaluate the environmental opportunities of green building design, including building life cycle assessments (<http://www.usgbc.org/>). The information that the author wants exists, already, on the Internet. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

DICK ACKERMAN  
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**RE: RECOMMENDED VETO OF AB 2160 (LIEU)**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter serves to memorialize a veto request for Assembly Bill 2160, which passed the Assembly on August 30, 2006, by a vote of 51 to 27, with 27 members of the Assembly Republican Caucus voting 'No'.

AB 2160, requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to define a "life cycle cost analysis model" to evaluate the cost effectiveness of state building design and construction decisions and their impact over a facility's life cycle.

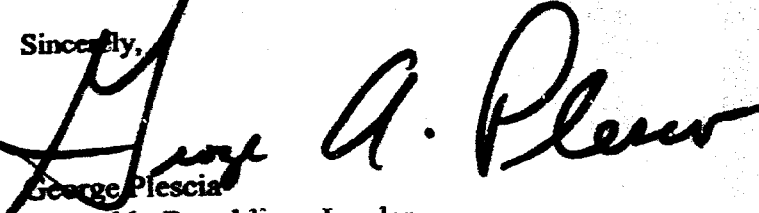
In December of 2001, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Office of Policy Development and Research, published their final report entitled, "Life Cycle Assessment Tools to Measure Environmental Impacts." This report examines a number of modeling tools that qualify potential environmental impacts of building materials and remains the primary environmental assessment document for HUD. The question becomes, why can't California simply review this document to establish the methodology proposed by this measure?

Further, the Colorado Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council has identified an example of a current computer software program called "Green Building Advisor." The purpose of this software is designed to give those who want to evaluate the environmental opportunities of specific projects or the elements of green building design, including life cycle assessments. This computer software is commercially available for \$179.00. Could this seemingly inexpensive program, that can be ordered over the Internet, fill the informational void that the author seeks to fill with yet another "task force?"

At a time when California is struggling to correct the structural imbalance in its budgetary process, it would seem unwise to further expand a bureaucracy when both the federal government and the private sector have already expended resources to provide this information.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 2160.

Sincerely,

  
George Plescia  
Assembly Republican Leader

## **7.ii. Oppose Letters – Organizations/Local Gov't**

**No relevant documents found**