

Introduced by Senator Padilla

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to energy efficiency standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 11, as introduced, Padilla. Energy efficiency standards: light bulbs.

This measure would urge the California delegation in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to vote against any proposed legislation, including HR 2417, that would weaken federal energy efficiency standards or constrain California's long-recognized authority to enact its own standards to promote energy efficiency.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has provided national and international
2 leadership on energy efficiency standards for decades, resulting
3 in tens of billions of dollars in utility bill savings for its citizens;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2011, which is a year earlier
6 than the rest of the nation, California began implementing
7 California state standards that require light bulbs to be 30 percent
8 more efficient; and
9 WHEREAS, The same standards adopted by California were
10 enacted nationally by Congress and will go into effect on January
11 1, 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, It is estimated that California's early
2 implementation of these standards will avoid the sale of 10.5
3 million inefficient bulbs that would cost consumers \$36,500,000
4 in unnecessarily higher electricity bills; and

5 WHEREAS, Some Members of the United States Congress are
6 now trying to roll back or repeal highly cost-effective efficiency
7 standards on lighting and other equipment; and

8 WHEREAS, House Resolution 2417 (H.R. 2417), introduced
9 in the 112th Congress on July 6, 2011, by Representative Joe
10 Barton (R-Texas), would repeal sections of the Energy
11 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140) that
12 adopt the federal light bulb energy efficiency standard and would
13 expressly invalidate California's light bulb energy efficiency
14 standard; and

15 WHEREAS, H.R. 2417 would strip California of its authority
16 to implement energy efficiency standards that it has determined
17 will reduce energy consumption and lower utility bills; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
20 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
21 strongly urges the California delegation in the United States House
22 of Representatives and the United States Senate to vote against
23 any legislation, including H.R. 2417, that would weaken federal
24 energy efficiency standards or constrain California's
25 long-recognized authority to enact its own standards to promote
26 energy efficiency and protect compelling economic and
27 environmental interests of its citizens; and be it further

28 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United
30 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each
31 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
32 United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.