

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/4/2013, Amended in Board)

[Environment Code - Bottle Filling Stations]

Ordinance amending the Environment Code, by adding Chapter 23, to require new buildings that have drinking fountains to provide bottle filling stations; and making environmental and other findings.

Existing Law

Current law does not require building owners or developers to provide a bottle filling station with each drinking fountain fixture installation.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Environment Code to require the project sponsor for any new construction that has one or more drinking fountains to provide a Drink Tap Station with each such fixture installation. The ordinance defines "Drink Tap Station" as a bottle filling unit that:

- Supplies potable water;
- Delivers a minimum of 8.0 gallons per hour (gph) of ambient water;
- Is wall or floor mounted and is a separate unit or a combination unit including a drinking fountain; and,
- Complies with California Title 24 accessibility standards, is listed by an approved listing agency, and is certified to be lead-free.

The Director of the Department of the Environment is required to educate building owners, developers, contractors, and others about the requirements of the ordinance, and provide them with a list of vendors who sell Drink Tap Stations. The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission would compile the list.

The Director of the Department of Building Inspection is responsible for enforcing the requirements and notifying developers, contractors, and others of the requirements of the ordinance when such persons request a building permit. The ordinance would also require the DBI Director to keep a list of all Drink Tap Stations installed during the first three years of the program and to report to the Board of Supervisors the total number of installations for each of those years.