

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Twenty-five years ago the legislature approved a bill regulating the sizes of paper and filing cabinets state agencies may purchase. The bill analysis and fiscal notes reveal that the intent of the statute is to standardize paper sizes across state government agencies. The law specifies that no state agency may purchase forms, bond paper, stationary pads, or other similar paper supplies larger than 8.5"x11" in size, nor may they purchase filing cabinets designed to hold paper larger than 8.5"x11" in size. Limited exceptions are made, such as for forms from the federal government, historical documents, artwork, diplomas, budgets, and other documents.

The existing statute is an example of legislative micro-management of state agency operations. The requirement unnecessarily clutters and complicates state law without accruing any fiscal advantage to the state. H.B. 1247 would eliminate the regulation on the types of paper and filing cabinets that state agencies may purchase.

H.B. 1247 amends current law relating to the repeal of certain prohibitions on purchases of paper supplies and cabinets by state agencies.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 2051.021 (Uniform Size of Paper Supply and Cabinet), Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.