

Date of Hearing: May 4, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chris Holden, Chair

AB 1867 (Lee) – As Amended April 19, 2022

Policy Committee: Education

Vote: 7 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires state-funded school modernization projects to include the installation of faucet aerators and water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires an application for state funding for a school modernization project for a school facility constructed before January 1, 2012 to include, as part of the modernization project, faucet aerators and water-conserving plumbing fixtures.
- 2) Specifies that this requirement applies only to those projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) three months after voters approve a statewide general obligation bond that provides funds for school facilities for kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, at a statewide election occurring after November 1, 2022.
- 3) Specifies that this requirement applies only to those projects that propose to repair or make alterations to the interior of a school building and do not apply to projects that only propose to repair or make alterations to the exterior of a school building, the school grounds, or the playing fields of a school.
- 4) Exempts from this requirement bathrooms that already contain both faucet aerators and water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Potential annual state school construction bond cost pressure, likely in the low millions of dollars, to install faucet aerators and water-conserving plumbing fixtures. The cost would depend on the number of schools receiving modernization funding and the size of the bathrooms in those schools. As of March 31, 2022, there were nearly 700 applications for modernization funding pending with the State Allocation Board. Assuming 20 aerators at a cost of \$1.00 each, 10 water-conserving urinals at a cost of \$300 each, and 20 water-conserving toilets at a cost of \$350 each the total cost would be \$10,020, or about \$7 million for 700 projects. This does not include the cost of labor to install.

COMMENTS:

According to the sponsor, the California Association of Student Councils, this bill would help bring school facilities into compliance with the California Green Standards Code (CALGREEN), which establishes regulations for energy efficiency, water efficiency and conservation, material conservation, and resource efficiency. All new school construction design plans submitted to the DSA after July 1, 2011 must comply with CALGREEN. CALGREEN does not currently apply to existing buildings.

Related Legislation

AB 3205 (O'Donnell), Chapter 301, Statutes of 2018, requires the governing board of a school district seeking state school facilities bond funds for a modernization project and submitted to the DSA for approval on or after January 1, 2019, to include, as part of a modernization project, locks that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside of the room.

AB 75 (O'Donnell) of this session places a \$12 billion Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 on the November 2022 statewide ballot. AB 75 is pending in the Senate Education Committee.

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