

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6180

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Agriculture & Environment, February 3, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to solid fuel burning devices.

**Brief Description:** Altering air quality standards with regard to solid fuel burning devices.

**Sponsors:** Senators Swecker, Fraser, Schow, Rasmussen, Strannigan and Oke.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Agriculture & Environment: 1/29/98, 2/3/98 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6180 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Morton, Chair; Swecker, Vice Chair; Fraser, McAuliffe, Oke and Rasmussen.

**Staff:** Kari Guy (786-7437)

**Background:** A person who has an adequate source of heat without burning wood may not burn wood in any stove other than a certified stove during the period of time that a first stage of impaired air quality has been declared. A certified stove is a wood stove or pellet stove certified to meet minimum emission requirements. The first stage of impaired air quality is declared when particulates of ten microns and smaller (PM<sub>10</sub>) are at an ambient level of 75 micrograms per cubic meter.

No wood may be burned in an area when a second stage of impaired air quality has been declared. The second stage is declared when PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations reach an ambient level of 105 micrograms per cubic meter.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The first stage of impaired air quality is declared when particulates ten microns and smaller in diameter are at an ambient level of 60 micrograms per cubic meter.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The requirement in the original bill to study the new federal ambient air quality standards is deleted.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 22, 1998.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill will improve air quality in the state and continue to protect public health.

**Testimony Against:** The study of the new federal ambient air quality standards is premature; the standards are still being debated at the federal level.

**Testified:** PRO: Gary Smith, Independent Bus. Assoc.; Wade Winslow, Hearth Prod. Assoc.; Joe Williams, Ecology; Mike Ryherd, PSAPCA; Nick Federici, Lung Assoc.; CON: Scott Hazlegrove, AWB.