

SB 2683

Measure Title: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES WITH THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Tires; Abandoned Tires; Removal; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to assist communities affected by discarded or abandoned tires by providing funds for the administration of contracts to remove abandoned tires from the landscape.

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1 **Department's Position:** The department supports the intent of this measure to establish a source of
2 funds to manage used tires.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to administer contracts to
4 remove abandoned tires from the landscape.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Abandoned tire dumping is a recurring concern especially for those
6 communities that are impacted by this issue. The department supports the intent of this measure,
7 provided that its implementation does not conflict with the priorities of the department and the State
8 Executive Budget.

9 A reserve exists in the special account of the environmental management special fund. Yet these
10 funds may quickly be depleted if the department were to also help affected communities by covering
11 disposal costs of abandoned tires. We understand that disposal costs range from as low as \$1.80 per
12 passenger or light-truck tire, up to \$638 for the biggest off-road, oversize tire.

1 This measure alone will not prevent current improper tire disposal practices, but coupled with
2 monitoring and enforcement from the department, it may help affected communities to alleviate the
3 situation.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: This would be a major step in keeping our roadsides clean. Presently it is very difficult to dispose of tires especially abandoned ones as the fees are huge so they sit and despoil our environment.