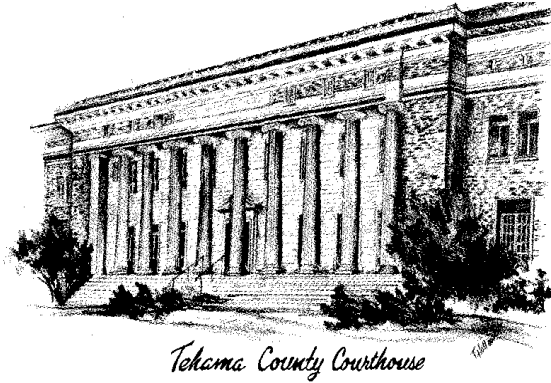


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The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 1327 Weights and Measures: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment: State Authority - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Cervantes,

On behalf of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 1327 (SB 1327).

This bill would remove electric vehicle supply equipment, a commercial measuring device, from the Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) and county sealers of weights and measures jurisdiction and place regulatory authority with the California Energy Commission (CEC).

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), DMS and county sealers operate a robust program of consistent standards, type evaluation, inspection, testing, and enforcement across all 58 counties. County sealers perform routine tests on any device used commercially to calculate a price for a commodity and operate as a neutral third-party regulator to ensure correct transactions, fair competition, and accurate value comparison.

The Board urges the Committee to vote **no** on this measure for the reasons outlined below:

- **Disruption of a long-standing uniform regulatory framework.** SB 1327 would carve out a single device type from a uniform weights and measures framework that has functioned effectively for over 100 years. Creating a statutory exception for one device undermines the consistency and predictability that businesses, consumers, and local regulators rely upon.

- **Erosion of local enforcement and consumer protections.** SB 1327 would remove the local enforcement presence that currently performs inspections, verifies accuracy, and responds promptly to consumer complaints. County sealers provide on-the-ground oversight and rapid complaint resolution; removing their jurisdiction would weaken consumer protections in Tehama County and across the state.
- **Unnecessary duplication of existing state processes.** SB 1327 would duplicate an existing type evaluation process already conducted by the Department of Measurement Standards (DMS). Duplicative review and parallel regulatory structures create inefficiency and regulatory confusion without improving outcomes.
- **Precedent for further fragmentation.** Carving out one device type sets a precedent that could lead to additional devices being removed from county sealer jurisdiction. Fragmentation of authority would complicate enforcement, training, and compliance for regulated entities and local governments alike.
- **Disregard for local expertise.** County sealers possess specialized training, equipment, and institutional knowledge to enforce weights and measures law effectively. SB 1327 disregards local expertise and would diminish the role of professionals who have long safeguarded accuracy and fairness in commerce.
- **Misplaced assignment of regulatory responsibility.** SB 1327 assigns regulatory responsibility to the California Energy Commission (CEC), an agency without demonstrated experience administering or enforcing weights and measures laws. Transferring authority to an agency lacking this expertise risks gaps in enforcement and inconsistent application of standards.
- **Increased costs to taxpayers.** Establishing a redundant enforcement structure and shifting responsibilities will increase administrative costs borne by taxpayers. Local governments already provide these services efficiently; SB 1327 would create new layers of bureaucracy and expense without commensurate public benefit.

For these reasons, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that you **oppose** SB 1327. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for your service to the people of California.

Sincerely,

Tom Walker
Chairman of the Board