



**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
STAFF LEGISLATIVE BILL ANALYSIS**

Date Amended	<b>01/07/04</b>	Bill Number:	<b>SB 557</b>
Tax:	<b>None</b>	Author:	<b>Kuehl</b>
Board Position:		Related Bills:	

This bill, as amended, is no longer within the scope of responsibility of the Board.

**COMMENTS**

The January 7, 2004 amendments delete the provisions that would have imposed a timber products user forest restoration fee on every consumer at the time timber products were purchased for consumption in this state. The fee would have provided funding for the administration and review of timber harvest plans, and would have been collected by the Board of Equalization.

The bill would now require the Legislative Analyst's Office to issue a report on recommendations to the Legislature of one or more options to collect a timber products user fee imposed on sawn lumber and unsawn wood products. The bill still provides that the Board would be responsible for the collection and administration of any future fee enacted through future legislation. Therefore, the amended version of this bill falls outside the Board's purview.

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