



**SEN. GEORGE RUNNER (RET.)**

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August 11, 2014

Governor Jerry Brown  
ATTN: Brian Putler, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
Governor's Office, Legislative Unit  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 2031 (DAHLE) - LUMBER PRODUCT ASSESSMENT**

**▪ REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE ▪**

Dear Governor Brown:

I am pleased to support BOE-sponsored Assembly Bill 2031 (Dahle), which establishes a threshold of annual sales of \$25,000 in qualifying lumber products, under which a retailer is not required to collect and report the Lumber Products Assessment (LPA).

On January 1, 2013, the Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 1492, which imposed a 1% assessment on a person who purchases lumber products and engineered wood products to be collected by the retailer at the time of sale. Unfortunately, the bill did not allow an exemption for qualified businesses that have few to no sales of wood products subject to the LPA.

The proposed \$25,000 threshold represents LPA reporting amounts of only \$0.01 to \$250 annually per retailer. The measure will ease the burden for small sellers of wood products by eliminating the expense of collecting and reporting the LPA.

Therefore, I respectfully request your signature on AB 2031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER  
Second District

cc: Assemblymember Dahle