Date of Hearing: April 22, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
AB 2085 (Alanis) – As Amended March 16, 2026

Policy Committee: Privacy and Consumer Protection Vote: 15 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: Yes Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill makes it a misdemeanor for a person to locate or position a weighing or measuring device used for commercial purposes so that its indications cannot be ready by the customer and operator under ordinary circumstances.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No known state costs

COMMENTS:

County sealers ensure that commercial weighing and measuring devices, such as gas pumps and scales at butcher stores, are accurate and free from fraud. Existing law requires retail scales to be positioned so that both the purchaser and the seller can see the scale to encourage trust and transparency. However, these laws only extend to retail trades and do not protect consumers who are operating as sellers, such as at scrap metal yards. The author reports that this oversight has allowed a small sector of businesses, such as recycling centers and scrap yards, to hide the display of their scales from sellers, resulting in underpayments and shortchanging customers who may rely on these refunds. This bill fills expands the positioning requirements for weighing devices to be visible for both operators and customers.

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