**Legal Title**  
Welcome Center Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**  
Chapter 296, Statutes of 2004 (AB 1356)  
Government Code Section 13995.151 (e)(2)

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**Purpose**  
For the purpose of establishing and enhancing a statewide network of California Welcome Centers, the Office of Tourism is authorized to assess and collect fees from any entity operating a California Welcome Center. This fund was created to deposit those fees collected from the Welcome Centers for the purpose of funding program costs related to the centers.  
Costs associated with the ongoing maintenance and operation of centers will be paid by the entity operating a California Welcome Center.

**Administering Agency/Organization Code**  
Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz/Org 0509)

**Major Revenue Source**  
Fees collected from any entity operating a California Welcome Center.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolition)**  
Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

**Appropriation Authority**  
Money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**State Appropriations Limit**  
**Excluded** – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues have a logical, direct relationship with the use or purposes for which they are used.

**Comments/Historical Information**  
Pursuant to Chapter 296, Statutes of 2004 Section 2 (a): $55,000 is appropriated from the Welcome Center Fund to the Office of Tourism for the 2004-05 fiscal year. In addition, (b) any unencumbered funds remaining from this appropriation as of June 30, 2005, will revert to the Welcome Center Fund as of that date.  
Pursuant to the Governor’s Reorganization Plan 2, the Administering Agency changed from Secretary for Business, Transportation, and Housing/Org 0520 to the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)/Org 0509, effective July 1, 2013.