

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** January 16, 2008  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1033  
**AUTHOR:** G. Runner

**BILL SUMMARY: Undetectable Knives**

This bill, an urgency measure, would provide that any person who knowingly exports any undetectable knife out of this state, as specified, is guilty of a misdemeanor and would require that any sale of undetectable knives to exempt entities be made pursuant to a valid purchase order.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

According to the Judicial Branch, this bill would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local entities for increased costs associated with any new program or higher level of service imposed by the state on local entities if the California State Mandates Commission determines that the new program or higher level of service is reimbursable and a state mandate. Any local government costs resulting from the mandate in this measure would not be state-reimbursable because the mandate only involves the definition of a crime or the penalty for conviction of a crime.

**COMMENTS**

Existing law provides that any person who commercially manufactures or causes to be commercially manufactured, knowingly imports into the state for commercial sale, keeps for commercial sale, or offers or exposes for commercial sale, any undetectable knife, as defined, is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, existing law provides that these provisions do not apply to the manufacture or importation of undetectable knives for sale to a law enforcement or military entity.

This bill would provide that any person who knowingly exports any undetectable knife out of this state, as specified, is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, this bill would amend the law enforcement or military exemption to require that sale of undetectable knives requires a valid agency, department, or unit purchase order.

According to the Author's office, this bill is necessary to close loopholes in current law that allow for the manufacture and sale of undetectable knives that could evade detection by typical airport, courthouse, and other state and federal buildings security and scanning devices.

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