

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 17, 2008
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: Collision Repair Association of California

BILL NUMBER: SB 1167
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BILL SUMMARY: Insurance: Vehicle Repair: Task Force

This bill would require the Insurance Commissioner (IC) to convene a task force to review issues associated with statutes prohibiting insurers from requiring an automobile be repaired by a specific repair dealer. Findings are to be reported to the Legislature by December 31, 2009.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The California Department of Insurance and the Department of Consumer Affairs advise this bill would have minor and absorbable costs to their departments.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 22, 2008 version are minor and do not alter our position.

COMMENTS

The bill would require the IC, within 30 days of the effective date of this bill, to convene a task force to review the issues arising from the implementation of an existing law that prohibits insurers from requiring automobiles to be repaired at insurer-designated automotive repair dealers. In addition, the bill would require the task force to include, but not be limited to, representatives of the automobile insurance industry, the collision repair industry, the Department of Consumer Affairs, and consumer protection advocacy organizations. Finally, it would require the task force to report its findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2009.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code				
	(Dollars in Thousands)												
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	RV	98	FC	FC		2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC
0845/Insurance	SO	No	-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----	0217							
1111/ConAfr-BurPg	SO	No	-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----	0421							

<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
0217	Insurance Fund
0421	Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund

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