

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 9, 2008
POSITION: Support

BILL NUMBER: SB 1261
AUTHOR: D. Cox

BILL SUMMARY: Corrections: Inmate and Ward Labor

This Administration sponsored bill would streamline the statues dealing with juvenile offender and inmate public works construction projects for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) inmate juvenile offender labor program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and may result in savings due to improved program efficiencies.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance supports this Administration sponsored bill.

Existing law provides that the general manager of the Prison Industry Authority may order any authorized public works projects involving construction, renovation, or repair of prison facilities to be performed by inmate labor. Existing law affecting the use of juvenile offenders and inmates allowed the former California Youth Authority to encumber and use funds beyond the end of the fiscal year to complete projects that will utilize juvenile ward labor. This is limited to two years following the year of appropriation. Existing law creating the Inmate Construction Revolving Account (ICRA) provides repository for funding without regard to fiscal year for projects utilizing inmates. The lack of authority to transfer Juvenile Justice appropriations offender labor project funding into the ICRA results in the need to create two accounting systems to track and expend the appropriations.

This bill would amend the Welfare and Institutions Code and the Penal Code to give the Secretary of the CDCR the authority to order and authorized public works projects involving construction, renovation, or repair of prison or Juvenile Justice facilities to be performed by inmate or juvenile offender labor. Additionally, this bill would allow the use of the Inmate Construction Revolving for all CDCR projects utilizing juvenile offenders consistent with that for inmates. The authors office indicates that the purpose of this bill is to amend the statutes related to the Juvenile Offender Day Labor program to those of the adult Inmate Labor program, allowing both programs to operate under the same laws, utilize the same accounting system and operate out of the same revolving fund.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0001

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