

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: March 24, 2010
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: University of California

BILL NUMBER: AB 2021
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BILL SUMMARY: Fire Protection: Designated Campus Fire Marshal

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to enforce regulations and building standards relating to fire and life safety and to make fire prevention inspections of state-owned or state-occupied buildings. This bill would allow the State Fire Marshal to enforce the building standards and conduct inspections on all University of California (UC) campuses and properties, or delegate those duties to a Designated Campus Fire Marshal.

FISCAL SUMMARY

To the extent that the State Fire Marshal delegates inspection duties to a Designated Campus Fire Marshal, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) would see a decrease in reimbursement revenues. OSFM estimates that it would lose approximately \$580,000 annually if all UC campuses had a Designated Campus Fire Marshal performing the State Fire Marshal duties. However, we note that there would be a corresponding savings in staff costs for the reduction in workload resulting in a zero net change to the General Fund.

COMMENTS

This bill would have no fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter for which we are neutral.

The current memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the State Fire Marshal and UCs allows a Designated Campus Fire Marshal to act on behalf of the State Fire Marshal to ensure compliance with fire and life safety standards at UC facilities. This bill would make the MOU law while adding inspection duties to the Designated Campus Fire Marshal.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012		
9000/Reimburs	RV	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0001

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