

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** Original  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2761  
**AUTHOR:** Assembly Natural Resources

**BILL SUMMARY: Department of Conservation: State Geologist**

Existing law appoints the State Geologist as the head of the California Geological Survey and requires the Attorney General to be the legal advisor for the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) in the Department of Conservation (Conservation). This bill would revise existing authority of the State Geologist to enter into a grant or agreements and contracts with governmental and nongovernmental entities, including school districts. Additionally, the bill would delete the requirement that the Attorney General must be the legal advisor to DOGGR.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The bill would have no fiscal impact.

**COMMENTS**

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

The bill would simply expand the entities for which the State Geologist may enter into grants or agreements and contracts with. The activities that the governmental and non governmental entities would fund include technical, analytical, and research services related to geological hazards and resources.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO LA CO RV	PROP 98	FC	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)			Fund Code
				2009-2010 FC	2010-2011 FC	2011-2012 FC	
3480/Conservation	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----	0338
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>						
0338	Strong-Motion Instrumnt & Seismic Mappng						

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