

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 1, 2009
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 126
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BILL SUMMARY: Bingo: Remote Caller Bingo

This bill, an urgency measure, would make various technical and cleanup changes to the recently enacted Remote Caller Bingo Act (Chapter 748, Statutes of 2008 [SB 1369]).

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Gambling Control Commission (Commission) notes that the bill would not have any fiscal impact on either expenditures or revenues. Finance concurs, and notes that previous loans made to the remote caller bingo program for start-up costs are to be repaid from bingo proceeds. To the extent this bill's changes make it easier for nonprofits to conduct remote caller bingo games, the likelihood of repayment of loaned funds increases. This bingo program has been put in abeyance by the Commission given the lack of applications to conduct remote caller bingo. The Commission does not plan on restarting the program until sufficient bingo funds exist to support the program.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 16, 2009 version do not alter our position. Amendments would provide a model remote caller bingo ordinance and would clarify that credit card fees would not be considered overhead costs,

COMMENTS

Finance notes that the bill makes changes in an effort to clean up the Remote Caller Bingo Act. Among the various technical changes made are the deletions to the references to registration as opposed to licensing, deleting a reference to school districts in provisions specifying the organizations that may conduct bingo games and instead authorizing charitable organizations affiliated with a school district to conduct bingo games, providing a model ordinance for cities and/or counties to use to allow remote caller bingo, and providing that credit card fees are not to be considered overhead costs.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						Fund Code
		(Dollars in Thousands)						
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<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>							
3131	Bingo Fund, California							

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