

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 23, 2010
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 886
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BILL SUMMARY: In-Home Supportive Services Providers: E-Timekeeping

This bill would authorize the use of electronic timekeeping for providers in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. The bill would provide counties with the flexibility to develop electronic timekeeping systems or use the current paper timesheet system.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would create additional workload for the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop policy instructions, regulations, and training materials and to provide technical assistance to counties opting to implement electronic timekeeping for IHSS providers, as specified. The DSS would also need to develop new business requirements and amend the contract for the Case Management Information and Payrolling System II (CMIPS II). Estimated staffing needs are 4.0 limited-term positions beginning in 2010-11, at an estimated cost of \$800,000 (\$400,000 General Fund) over the two-year period. Because this bill does not include an appropriation of funds for staffing resources, the DSS would need to redirect resources from other statutorily-required activities to address the workload created by this bill.

In addition, the DSS would incur costs to integrate county timekeeping systems with the CMIPS II. CMIPS II is scheduled to be piloted in five counties starting in September 2010. Modifications to the CMIPS II at this stage would result in significant General Fund costs. An estimate of these costs is not currently available.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would negate a significant portion of IHSS anti-fraud measures codified by Chapter 17, Statutes of 2009, Fourth Extraordinary Session (ABX4 19) which are expected to generate General Fund savings of \$130 million in 2010-11. This legislation established standardized timesheets which include civil penalty language for producing false information. The legislation also requires, beginning July 1, 2011, recipients and providers to provide fingerprints on timesheets. Use of electronic timesheet systems would hamper such efforts, thus increasing the risk of fraud and jeopardizing the health and safety of IHSS recipients.
This bill would impose new workload on the DSS, estimated at \$400,000 General Fund over two years for 4.0 limited-term positions. The DSS would need to redirect resources from other statutorily-required activities in 2010-11 to comply with the provisions of this bill, as this bill does not include an appropriation of funds for any staffing resources.
This bill would require modifications to and subsequent roll out delay of CMIPS II, resulting in additional General Fund costs.
This bill is unnecessary because issues surrounding inaccurate reporting and reducing county workload were previously addressed through recent changes to the IHSS program. Specifically,

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ABX4 19 required the creation of a centralized timesheet processing location to review timesheets for accuracy and appropriateness in order to reduce errors and alleviate county workload.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	
5180/Social Svcs	SO	No	C	\$200	C	\$200		--	0001
5180/Social Svcs	SO	No	C	\$200	C	\$200		--	0995
5180/Social Svcs	LA	No		----- See Fiscal Summary -----					0001
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0001	General Fund								
0995	Reimbursements								