

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 29, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 950
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BILL SUMMARY: Veterans Homes: Accounting for Charges: Notifications

This bill would require the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to (1) provide (in writing) the terms and conditions upon which veterans' homes member fees can be changed and (2) receive a signature of the veteran acknowledging that he or she has read and understands the notice. This bill also would require the notice to be written in plain and straightforward language and be posted in each veterans' home.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CDVA indicates this bill would have no fiscal impact on the state.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the original version are minor and do not alter our position.

COMMENTS

Existing law provides that the administrator of a veterans' home must provide written notice of the costs of care that may be incurred in excess of the member veteran's contribution fee upon admission of a veteran, as specified.

This bill would add a requirement that the notice must include terms and conditions upon which the member fees and costs can be changed and specifies that a member veteran must give a signed acknowledgment that he or she has read the notice and understands it. This bill further would require the notice to be written in plain and straightforward language and be posted conspicuously in each veterans' home.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code			
	(Dollars in Thousands)											
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012		FC	2012-2013	
8955/Vets Affairs	SO	No								No/Minor Fiscal Impact		0001

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