

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

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

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 398  
**AUTHOR:** M. Morrell

**BILL SUMMARY: State Fire Marshal: Certification**

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshall to establish minimum standards for statewide training and certification systems for the California fire service, and establish minimum standards for fire protection personnel at all career levels.

This bill would authorize the State Fire Marshall to accept certification of a firefighter by the United States Department of Defense as an alternative for the training and certification standards for the position of Firefighter I.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The bill would have no fiscal impact to the state.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on the bill. The bill would have no fiscal impact to the state and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

According to the author of the bill, military service members who have served the armed forces in the area of fire protection have received extensive training from the United States Department of Defense under the Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program. The author believes this training is comparable to the training received from the California Fire Service Training and Education Program (CFSTEP).

CFSTEP is designed to provide both volunteer and career fire fighters with hands-on training in firefighting, extrication, rescue, emergency vehicle operations, pump operations, and the Incident Command System. The program was created to establish coordination among the various elements that contribute to the development, delivery, and administration of training for the California fire service.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013			
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
3540/Forest&Fire	SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----							0001

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