

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 13, 2011
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: Corporation for Supportive Housing

BILL NUMBER: AB 683
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RELATED BILLS: AB 1167 (Fong), SB 123 (Lieu)

BILL SUMMARY: Homelessness

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to create a state homeless integrated data warehouse, which would include data from other state agencies on the homeless population and the services provided to them.

FISCAL SUMMARY

HCD estimates costs of approximately \$100,000 to develop the homeless integrated data warehouse. HCD would not be able to absorb this cost within existing resources. Additionally, the bill would create cost pressures for several state agencies to collaborate on the data warehouse and provide information for studies requested by the bill.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to the bill because HCD does not have sufficient resources to fulfill the requirements of the bill. Although the bill only requires implementation if resources are available, it would create additional General Fund pressure at a time when the state can least afford it. HCD indicates that it is not aware of any federal grants that would be available to fund the homeless integrated data warehouse.

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ANALYSIS

A. Programmatic Analysis

Existing law provides for a number of programs to assist in providing housing for homeless individuals, including the Emergency Housing and Assistance Capital Development Program, Multifamily Housing Supportive Services Program, and the Homeless Youth Program. HCD also administers the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant program for emergency shelter and transitional housing grants to local governments that do not receive federal funding directly.

This bill would, upon the receipt of sufficient federal and private funds, require HCD to:

- Create a state homeless integrated data warehouse in accordance with California's Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan to compile data from collaborative agencies' Homeless Management Information Systems. The bill provides detailed requirements for the data warehouse.
- Cooperate and collaborate with the following state agencies in order to draft and carry out a strategy to create the data warehouse, including the departments of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Health Care Services, Mental Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, and Alcohol and Drug Programs. The collaboration would lead to longitudinal, cost-based studies to determine the number of people imprisoned each year who were homeless at the time of arrest, the number of parolees experiencing homelessness, the cost of medical care for the homeless, the number of children in foster care whose family members are homeless, the cost of services provided to the homeless through various state agencies, and the number of families living in housing funded through HCD that were homeless upon admission.
- Facilitate the creation of a users' group to ensure quality, relevance, and appropriate access to integrated data.

Discussion: According to the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the bill's sponsor, California has the largest homeless population in the nation, but has little data about the homeless population.

On August 31, 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the Governor's Homeless Initiative to address long-term homelessness in California. Under the initiative, HCD, California Housing Finance Agency and Department of Mental Health developed an integrated, joint-funding package to finance supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with severe mental illness. Residents of this housing receive supportive services from county mental health departments. HCD has awarded approximately \$23 million in Governor's Housing Initiative and Multifamily Housing Program Supportive Services funds to eight projects for the production of 267 housing units. The State Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan was adopted in 2010 and recommends the creation of a homelessness management information database.

Historically, HCD has also provided operating grants to local shelters through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program. However, the General Fund support of this program has been suspended.

Related Legislation:

AB 1167 (Fong) would create the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

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SB 123 (Lieu) would establish the California Runaway, Homeless and Exploited Youth Act, and would require the California Emergency Management Agency to develop a statewide plan for runaway, homeless, and exploited youth, as specified.

B. Fiscal Analysis

HCD states that because this bill conditions its implementation of receipt of sufficient funds to cover its costs, HCD projects no fiscal impact. However, if funds were to become available, the costs would be approximately \$100,000. Additionally, the bill would create cost pressures for several state agencies to collaborate on the data warehouse and provide information for studies requested by the bill.

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	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
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