

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 13, 2011
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 991
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BILL SUMMARY: Licenses: California Licensing and Permit Center

The bill requires the Governor, in cooperation with the California Technology Agency (CTA), to establish an Internet website known as the California Licensing and Permit Center (CLPC) to assist the public with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements of state agencies.

The bill would create the California License and Permit Fund (CLPF) in the State Treasury. State agencies participating in the CLPC would be required to reallocate a portion of their operating budget to pay for the operating cost of the CLPC.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The one-time and ongoing costs (facilities, staff, and website maintenance) of the CLPC are unknown. The costs distributed to each participating agency would depend on the number of participating agencies.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill. The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GoED) currently provides businesses with on-line permit assistance through its CalGOLD website and help via e-mail and telephone.

In addition, we note the following:

- The author's fact sheet states that the web portal created by Executive Order (EO) S-05-10 can become a one-stop-shop for all state permits and licenses and that AB 991 utilizes an existing state web portal to streamline state resources.
The CalGOLD website provides links and contact information that direct users to agencies that administer and issue business permits and licenses and to registration requirements from all levels of government (city, county, state, and federal).

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- Participating agencies would likely not realize a reduction in workload or staff savings. Agencies that currently publish information on-line may see an increase in workload due to the redundancy associated with maintaining the content published on the CLPC as well.
- The analysis of AB 991 from the Assembly Committee on Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection notes that the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) is opposed to this bill, citing redundancy with what is already on the Department of Consumer Affairs' website, which provides information for consumers and licensees, and the added cost to the CBA. The analysis also notes support of the bill by the National Federation of Independent Business, citing that AB 991 utilizes the existing website created under EO S-05-10 to streamline state resources and to support small businesses.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)									Fund Code
	SO LA CO RV	PROP 98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014		
1999/Pend New Rev	RV	No		-----	See Fiscal Analysis	-----				0001
1999/Pend New Rev	RV	No		-----	See Fiscal Analysis	-----				0494
1999/Pend New Rev	RV	No		-----	See Fiscal Analysis	-----				0988
0500/Governor Ofc	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Analysis	-----				0494
0502/Tech Agency	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Analysis	-----				0494
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0001	General Fund									
0494	Other - Unallocated Special Funds									
0988	Other - Unallocated NGC Funds									