

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: RN 11 23690
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 540
AUTHOR: C. Price

BILL SUMMARY: Dentistry

This bill would extend the sunset date of the Dental Board of California (Board) to January 1, 2016, add one public member to the Board, establish a Dental Assisting Council (Council) to consider and make recommendation on matters relating to registered dental assistants, and makes other related amendments.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates that it would need 1.0 Associate Governmental Program Analyst position, \$44,000 in 2011-12, \$88,000 in 2012-13, and \$82,000 annually thereafter to implement the provisions of this bill. This position would be necessary to handle the administration and workload generated by the new Council, which this bill would create. Any request for additional position and expenditure authority is subject to review and approval through the annual budget process.

While costs resulting from this bill would not have a significant impact on the State Dentistry Fund, Finance notes that the fund's annual revenues do not support current annual expenditure levels, resulting in a decline in the fund reserve balance.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance opposes this bill because it would result in additional costs that are not included in the 2011-12 Budget.

Existing law establishes the Board until January 1, 2012 and requires its composition to include eight practicing dentists, a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental assistant, and four public members. Under existing law, boards subject to repeal are evaluated by the Joint Sunset Review Committee.

This bill would: 1) extend the sunset date of the Board until January 1, 2016; 2) add one public member to the Board to be appointed by the Governor; 3) make the Board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature; and 4) create the Council to make recommendations to the Board regarding the licensure and regulation of dental assistants.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014		
	RV	98	FC							
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No	C	\$44	C	\$88	C	\$82	0741	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0741	Dentistry Fund, State									

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