

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: August 15, 2011
POSITION: Neutral, note concerns

BILL NUMBER: SB 543
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BILL SUMMARY: Business and Professions: Regulatory Boards

This bill would extend the sunset date and make programmatic changes for several boards, bureaus, committees, and commissions within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

FISCAL SUMMARY

The DCA indicates this bill would have the following fiscal impacts:

- Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG) costs of \$128,000 in 2011-12, \$241,000 in 2012-13, and \$122,000 ongoing to fund 4.0 Office Technicians (2.0 limited term) to administer the fingerprinting requirements of this bill.
Professional Fiduciary Bureau (PFB) licensing revenue loss of \$9,000 resulting from the exemption of certain enrolled agents from PFB licensure.
BPELSG savings of \$219,000 and indeterminate exam revenue loss resulting from the elimination of the state structural engineering exam.
Minor and absorbable costs to DCA's Office of Information and Office of Administrative Services to make the programming and technical changes associated with merging the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Fund with the Geology and Geophysics Fund.
Additional expenditures consistent with project cost increases as identified in the most recent BreEZe Special Project Report, as specified.

Any request for additional expenditure authority is subject to review and approval through the annual budget process.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill to the extent that it gives Finance the authority to appropriately increase expenditures of the entities within the DCA to support the BreEZe project. Absent this bill, the DCA would have to eliminate some planned expenditures in order to support the BreEZe project, which could negatively impact services to consumers.

Finance notes that the BreEZe-related language in this bill was omitted from DCA's budget for 2011-12. This bill would include that language to give DCA the needed flexibility to support BreEZe project cost increases expected to occur during 2011-12.

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COMMENTS (cont.)

Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of various businesses and professions by various boards, committees, and commissions within the DCA. The provisions establishing several of these boards, bureaus, committees, and commissions sunset January 1, 2012.

This bill would, among other things:

- Extend the sunset date for the California Board of Accountancy (CBA), The California Architects Board, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee, the BPELSG, and the Contractors' State License Board until January 1, 2016.
- Extend the sunset date for the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind and the State Athletic Commission until January 1, 2014.
- Extend the sunset date for the PFB until January 1, 2015.
- Require BPELSG licensing applicants to provide a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal history check.
- Exempt certain enrolled agents from PFB licensure.
- Delete the requirement for the California-specific structural engineer exam administered by the BPELSG.
- Extend the sunset date for the CBA's peer review program and peer review oversight committee until January 1, 2016 and would extend the due date for the CBA's peer review report until January 1, 2015.
- Merge the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and the Geology and Geophysics funds.
- Authorize, for 2011-12 only, the Department of Finance to augment the budgets of the boards, bureaus, committees, and commissions within the DCA for expenditure of special funds to pay BreZE project cost increases.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)									Fund Code
	SO	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	LA	PROP	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014			
CO	98	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	
RV										
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0706
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0757
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0326
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		See Fiscal Summary						0770
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No	C	\$128	C	\$241	C	\$122	0770	
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No	M	-\$110	M	-\$219	M	-\$219	0770	
1200/Reg Tax&Licn	RV	No	U	-\$5	U	-\$9	U	-\$9	3108	
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0205
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0024
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0735
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		No/Minor Fiscal Impact						0704

Fund Code	Title
0024	Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund
0205	Geology and Geophysics Fund
0326	Athletic Commission Fund
0704	Accountancy Fund
0706	Architects Board Fund, California
0735	Contractors' License Fund
0757	Landscape Architects Fd, CA Bd/Arch Exam
0770	Professional Engineer & Land Surveyor Fd
3108	Professional Fiduciary Fund