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Updates and Positions on Pending Mandate Reform Legislation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AB 1222 (Laird)

At the April 16, 2007 hearing, Commission staff recommended that the Commission support a combination of mandate reform provisions proposed by both the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) and the Department of Finance, and technical amendments drafted by staff that would ensure that the proposed alternate procedures can coexist with the existing mandates determination process. The Commission voted (5-0 with 2 abstentions) to approve the staff recommendation. Staff also recommended requesting that Assembly Member Laird carry the concepts approved by the Commission.

Assembly Member Laird agreed to include the concepts in his AB 1222. The bill was amended on May 2, 2007, and passed Assembly Local Government Committee (7-0) on May 9, 2007. The bill is set for hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 23, 2007.

The Governor's Office also approved the Commission's position of Support in Concept on May 8, 2007.

AB 1576 (Silva)

AB 1576 includes the LAO's proposed alternate mandates procedures. AB 1576 passed Assembly Local Government Committee on May 2, 2007 (7-0); and passed Assembly Appropriations Committee (16-0) on May 9, 2007. The bill is pending on the Assembly Floor on the proposed consent calendar.

Department of Finance Mandate Reform Proposal

The Department of Finance's Mandates Unit continues to conduct meetings to discuss the differences and reach consensus on their proposal, LAO's proposal (AB 1576), and AB 1222. Commission staff attends these meetings and will report amendments to the proposals as they occur.