

ITEM 17
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2014 LEGISLATION

Commission staff continues to monitor legislation for bills that might effect the mandates process. There are no new mandates bills to report on at this time, however, it should be noted that it is still early in the session.

Over the winter break, on December 10, 2013, the Assembly Local Government Committee held an Informational Hearing on State Mandates. The stated goal of the hearing was:

To provide information to members about the state mandates process, including the history of state-mandated local programs and the role of the Commission on State Mandates in mandate determination and reimbursement, and to hear from representatives of local governments about their perspectives on state mandates.

To that end, the hearing consisted of:

- 1) An overview and history of the mandates process, presented by the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Department of Finance;
- 2) A review of the mandates process and an update on the backlog reduction plan, presented by the Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel of the Commission on State Mandates;
- 3) The local government perspective on state mandates, presented by representatives of the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities, and the California Special Districts Association; and
- 4) An overview by the State Controller's Office of their role in the mandate reimbursement process.

Attached for reference are copies of the agenda and other material distributed at the informational hearing:

Exhibit A: Agenda and Background Paper

Exhibit B: Hearing Handouts