

ITEM 11
STAFF REPORT
2012 LEGISLATION

The following bills related to the mandates process have been introduced this year:

AB 2028 (Knight). This bill would declare that school districts would not be required to implement mandated programs when the Legislature does not fund them. This language is very similar to what already exists in law under Government Code section 17581.5. Pending committee assignment.

SB 1112 (Liu). This bill would reduce by 15 days, the deadline for local governments and Department of Finance to submit a proposed joint reasonable reimbursement methodology to the Commission. Senator Liu's staff confirms that this is a spot bill that may be amended later in the year to include more substantive amendments. SB 1112 is pending in Senate Governmental Organization Committee, no hearing date scheduled.

SB 1147 (Liu). Existing law requires that statewide cost estimates be completed within 12 month after receipt of a test claim, and allows this 12 month deadline to be extended for six months, upon request of the claimant or the Commission. This bill would reduce the six-month extension period to four months. Senator Liu's staff confirms that this is also a spot bill that may be amended later in the year to include more substantive amendments. SB 1147 is pending in Senate Governance and Finance Committee, no hearing date scheduled.