

**ITEM 7**  
**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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The Legislature reconvened for the 2022-2023 legislative session on January 4, 2022.

Commission staff continues to monitor for legislation that might affect the mandates process.

**AB 1306 State government**

AB 1306, a spot bill, was introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo on February 16, 2023 and may be heard in committee on March 19, 2023.

Existing law sets forth the sole procedure by which local agencies and school districts may claim reimbursement for costs mandated by the state. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

**AB 961 State mandates: claims**

AB 961, a substantive spot bill, was introduced by Assembly Member Dixon on February 14, 2023 and may be heard in committee on March 17, 2023. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Local Government on February 23, 2023.

The California Constitution, whenever the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including school districts, requires the state to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse the local government, unless an exception applies. Statutory provisions that establish procedures for making that reimbursement include a requirement that no claim shall be made or paid unless it exceeds \$1,000. This bill would change the minimum claim amount to \$800.