

ITEM 12
STAFF REPORT
2013 LEGISLATION

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

AB 392 (Jones-Sawyer). Existing law requires the Controller to prorate claims if the amount appropriated for reimbursement is not sufficient to pay all of the claims approved by the Controller. Existing law also requires the Controller to report to the Department of Finance and various legislative entities when it is necessary to prorate claims.

This bill would delete that reporting requirement and would require the Controller to determine the most cost-effective allocation method if \$1,000 or less is appropriated for a program. As of April 4, 2013, the bill is referred to the Assembly Committee on Local Government and has not been amended. Staff will monitor this legislation.

AB 1292 (Linder). Existing law authorizes a local agency or school district to file an annual reimbursement claim detailing state-mandated costs, as specified.

This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to Government Code section 17560(b). This is a spot bill. Staff has contacted the Author's office and was told that they have no plans to propose changes to the mandates process. The bill was read for the first time on February 25, 2013 and, as of April 4, 2013, has not been referred to a committee nor has it been amended. Staff will monitor this legislation.