

BILL ANALYSIS

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Department, Board, Or Commission	Author	Bill Number
Franchise Tax Board	Blumenfield	AB 472

SUBJECT

State Agencies Display On Homepage of Web Sites The Phrase "Preparing For Disasters" That Links Users To Internet Web Site For Information Regarding Earthquake Preparedness

SUMMARY

This bill would authorize the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) to require any state agency with a Web site to post a text or graphical link, to earthquake and emergency preparedness tips and resources, as specified.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

According to the author's office, the purpose of this bill is to provide readily available emergency information for all Californians regardless of which state agency Web site is visited.

EFFECTIVE/OPERATIVE DATE

If enacted in the first year of the two-year session, this bill would be effective January 1, 2010, and would be specifically operative beginning on July 1, 2010.

ANALYSIS

STATE LAW

Under the California Emergency Services Act, the Cal EMA was created under the Governor's office to provide for the assignment of functions to state agencies to be performed during an emergency and for the coordination and direction of the emergency actions of those agencies.

THIS BILL

This bill would authorize Cal EMA to require a state agency that maintains an Internet Web site to prominently display on the homepage of that Web site a text or graphical link, to earthquake and emergency preparedness tips and resources as specified. The bill would require Cal EMA, in consultation with the Seismic Safety Commission, to create and maintain an Internet Web page that would provide the following for home and workplace safety:

- Information regarding earthquake preparedness.
- Guides and other publications regarding earthquake preparedness.
- Links to other Internet resources for earthquake preparedness

This bill's provisions would be specifically operative beginning July 1, 2010, and would provide intent language regarding the necessity of making earthquake preparedness information available to the citizenry.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

AB 38 (Nava, Stats. 2008, Ch. 372) renamed the Office of Emergency Services as the Cal EMA.

OTHER STATES' INFORMATION

A review of the Web sites of the Department of Revenues of the states of *Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York* and *Massachusetts* did not reveal any information related to emergency services or earthquake preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT

The provisions of this bill would not significantly impact department programs or operations.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The provisions of this bill would not impact state income tax revenues.

Appointments

None.

Support/Opposition

According to the Senate Committee on Government Organizations analysis of July 8, 2009, the following support and opposition are noted:

SUPPORT:

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Bob Beecher, Board of Directors, Business & Industry Council on Emergency Planning
and Preparedness
California Board of Accountancy
Derek Ross, Vice Chair, Thousand Oaks Disaster Assistance Response Team
Zoe-Anne Fitzhugh, RN

OPPOSE: None on file

VOTES

Assembly Floor – Ayes: 77, Noes: 0
Senate Floor – Ayes: 33, Noes: 2
Concurrence – Ayes: 77, Noes: 0

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