

BILL ANALYSIS

Department, Board, Or Commission Franchise Tax Board	Author Ting	Bill Number/Version Date AB 2720
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SUBJECT

State Body Publicly Report Any Action Taken & Vote or Abstention on that Action of Each Member Present at Meetings Conducted by Teleconference

SUMMARY

This bill requires a state body to publicly report any action taken at an open meeting conducted by teleconference, and the vote or abstention on that action, of each member present for the action.

REASON FOR THE BILL

The reason for the bill is to make conforming changes to the Bagley-Keene Act to ensure that all state boards and commissions are similarly held accountable to the public they serve.

EFFECTIVE/OPERATIVE DATE

This bill would become effective and operative January 1, 2015.

STATE LAW

The Bagley-Keene Act of 1967 explicitly mandates open meetings for California state bodies, including, boards and commissions. The Act facilitates transparency of government activities and protects the right of citizens to participate in state government deliberations. Under the Act, absent a specific reason to keep the public out of meetings, the public is allowed to monitor and participate in the decision making process. Similarly, California's Brown Act of 1953 protects citizens' rights to open meetings at the local and county government levels.

THIS BILL

This bill would require the department to publically report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action at a meeting conducted by teleconference.

OTHER STATES' INFORMATION

Since this bill would add a requirement for state bodies to publicly report any action taken at an open meeting conducted by teleconference, a review of other states' income tax laws is not relevant.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would not impact the department's costs.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

This bill would not impact the state's income tax revenue.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

SUPPORT/OPPOSITION¹

Support: California Taxpayers Association, California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Opposition: None on file.

VOTES

	Date	Yes	No
Assembly Floor	05/15/14	78	0
Senate Floor	06/15/14	35	0

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