

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 866 - 1

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Measure Description:

Permits municipality or Department of Consumer and Business Services to contract with person to administer and enforce building inspection program and act as building official.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time, but anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 866 with the -1 amendment modifies several statutes relating to the delegation of a building inspection program. The measure also modifies standards regarding building official qualifications and experience requirements, the number of programs able to be overseen by a building official, technical and administrative appeals, and conflict of interests. The measure also creates a system to verify compliance with the new standards for existing inspection programs. In addition, the measure clarifies that administrative appeals are to be resolved by a local jurisdiction while technical code appeals are to be resolved by the Department of Consumer Business Services’ Building Code Division and its advisory boards.

Building inspection programs are a state program with counties and cities able to perform local services. Building inspection programs are funded by the permit fee set by local communities to cover the cost of services. Each community chooses whether to provide these services. When a city chooses not to perform services, the county is required to provide services for those cities. If a county chooses not to provide service, then the state must.

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

The fiscal impact of this measure on the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is anticipated to be minimal.

Counties, Cities

The fiscal impact of this measure on cities and counties is indeterminate, but anticipated to be minimal, depending on the number of cities that would revert inspection programs to counties.