

Date of Hearing: July 14, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Lorena Gonzalez, Chair

SB 813 (Committee on Governance and Finance) – As Amended June 21, 2021

Policy Committee: Local Government

Vote: 8 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill, the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2021, makes three non-controversial changes to existing laws governing the powers and duties of local agencies. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Corrects a code reference regarding the commercial and industrial exemption from the Subdivided Lands Act.
- 2) Allows the State Controller's Office (SCO) to determine local agency Financial Transactions Report (FTR) deadlines in order to create a consistent reporting schedule and streamline the reporting process.
- 3) Updates and streamlines Healthcare District annual report requirements.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

- 1) Minor costs to the SCO to revise guidance for local governments submitting FTRs, more than offset by savings achieved from standardizing report deadlines.
- 2) This bill imposes a state mandate because it changes the information from audits and financial statements that healthcare districts are required to publish. Because these provisions facilitate public access to the writings of a public agency, any associated costs are not-reimbursable by the state, per Proposition 42, passed by voters on June 3, 2014. Proposition 42 requires all local governments to comply with the Public Records Act and the Brown Act and with any subsequent changes to those acts. Proposition 42 also eliminated reimbursement to local agencies for costs of complying with those acts. In addition, these provisions are likely to result in savings to healthcare districts.

**COMMENTS:**

**Background and Purpose.** Each year, local officials discover problems with state statutes affecting counties, cities and special districts, as well as the laws on land use planning and development. More than 150 public officials, trade groups, lobbyists and legislative staffers see each proposal before it goes into the committee's bill. Should any item in SB 813 attract opposition, it is deleted.

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