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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2009-2010 Legislation

There is one bill remaining in this legislative session that revises the mandates process.

SB 894 (Senate Committee on Local Government) – As amended June 7, 2010. This is the 2010 Local Government Omnibus Act. It is the Committee’s annual bill to provide technical amendments for local government statutes. It includes the Commission’s legislative proposal CSM 10-01, which requires our Reports to the Legislature on Approved Mandates to include information on pending reasonable reimbursement methodologies being proposed as part of pending parameters and guidelines, joint proposals between Finance and local entities to develop reasonable reimbursement methodologies, or joint proposals to seek legislatively determined mandates, and any delays being caused by these alternative processes.

Adding this additional information to the Reports to the Legislature will implement a recommendation from the October 2009 Bureau of State Audits Report 2009-501, *State Mandates: Operational and Structural Changes Have Yielded Limited Improvements in Expediting Processes and Controlling Costs and Liabilities*.

SB 894 is pending Governor’s action.

Commission Position: The Commission recommended the Governor **SIGN** SB 894.