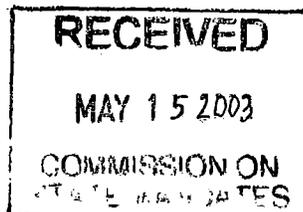




May 12, 2003

Ms. Paula Higashi  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received the following test claim submitted by the Santa Monica Community College District in letters, dated March 12, 2003, from the Commission:

- CSM-02-TC-15, *Cancer Presumption (K-14)*

A recent extension on the review of this claim was granted due to a recent change in analysts to whom these test claims were assigned. However, due to significant workload volume associated with the preparation of the May Revision of the Governor's Budget, our staff have been unable to complete a thorough analysis of this test claim. We respectfully request an additional extension from May 13, 2003 through June 12, 2003. This extension would provide the Department of Finance with adequate time to review the proposed Test Claim.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Osborn, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-8913 or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

S. Calvin Smith  
Program Budget Manager