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RE: Legislatively Determined Mandate
Local Agency Officials: Training
(Senate Bill 827; Statutes 2025, Chapter 827)

Dear Director Stephenshaw and Executive Director Gmur:

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), a statewide association of California's rural counties, hereby requests to initiate a Joint Request for Legislatively Determined Mandate (LDM) pursuant to Government Code section 17573 regarding the above-captioned statute. The Department's bill analysis dated July 24, 2024 (attached) acknowledges that this statute "may create a state-reimbursable mandate," and we are looking forward to working with the Department to follow the process set forth in Section 17573 to develop a Joint Request for presentation to the Legislature.

By copy of this letter to the Commission on State Mandates, RCRC requests acknowledgement that the statute of limitations to file a test claim is tolled as of the date of this notice pursuant to Government Code section 17573, subdivision (b). While this matter is pending, RCRC or the Department shall notify the Commission of actions taken as set forth below, in accordance with subdivision (g) of Section 17573:

- Provide the Commission with a copy of any communications regarding development of a joint request under this section and a copy of a joint request when it is submitted to the Legislature.
- Notify the Commission of the date of (A) the Legislature's action on a joint request in the Budget Act, or (B) the Department's decision not to submit a joint request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the next steps in the LDM process.

Very truly yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 05/12/2025
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 827
AUTHOR: Gonzalez, Lena

BILL SUMMARY: Local agency officials: training.

This bill updates requirements for local agency ethics training and requires specified local agency officials to complete at least two hours of financial and fiscal training at least once every two years.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local entities for increased costs associated with any new program or higher level of service imposed by the state. If this bill is enacted, and a mandate claim is filed with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission), the Commission may determine the bill imposes certain reimbursable costs related to the provision of ethics and fiscal training to local officials. Based on a similar law pursuant to Chapter 816, Statutes of 2016 containing a similar mandate, we estimate that this bill could result in state General Fund costs of up to \$100,000.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to this bill because it may create a state-reimbursable mandate and General Fund cost pressures by requiring local agencies to provide officials expanded ethics, financial, and fiscal training.

This bill makes a number of updates to training requirements for local agency officials. Specifically, this bill:

- Requires local agency officials who start service with a local agency on or after January 1, 2026, receive ethics training no later than six months after the first day of work with the local agency.
- Requires all providers of training courses covered in this bill to provide participants with proof of participation.
- Requires local agency officials in service as of January 1, 2026, and who started service prior to January 1, 2026, complete the financial and fiscal training outlined in this bill.
- Requires local agency officials who serve in multiple local agencies to complete the trainings outlined in the bill once every two years.

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BILL ANALYSIS--(CONTINUED)

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SB 827

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)						
	CO	PROP						
	RV	98	FC	2025-2026	FC	2026-2027	FC	2027-2028
8885/Comm St Mndt	SO	No	C	0	C	0-100	C	0-100 0001

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On June 3, 2026, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated June 3, 2026**
- **Notice of Receipt of Letter of Intent to Initiate a Joint Request for a Legislatively Determined Mandate and Tolling of the Statute of Limitations issued June 3, 2026**
- **Letter of Intent to Initiate a Joint Request for a Legislatively Determined Mandate filed by the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) on May 28, 2026**

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Statutes 2025, Chapter 827 (SB 827)

Rural County Representatives of California, Requester

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on June 3, 2026 at Sacramento, California.



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