

**ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
(REGULATIONS AND ORDERS)**

STD. 399 (REV. 12/2013)

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE FROM NOTICE REGISTER OR FORM 400 Consolidation of cases: Amending CCR Title 8 Section 20335(c)			NOTICE FILE NUMBER Z

**A. ESTIMATED PRIVATE SECTOR COST IMPACTS** *Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking record.*

1. Check the appropriate box(es) below to indicate whether this regulation:

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Impacts business and/or employees | <input type="checkbox"/> e. Imposes reporting requirements              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Impacts small businesses          | <input type="checkbox"/> f. Imposes prescriptive instead of performance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Impacts jobs or occupations                  | <input type="checkbox"/> g. Impacts individuals                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Impacts California competitiveness           | <input type="checkbox"/> h. None of the above (Explain below):          |

*If any box in Items 1 a through g is checked, complete this Economic Impact Statement.  
If box in Item 1.h. is checked, complete the Fiscal Impact Statement as appropriate.*

2. The Agricultural Labor Relations Board estimates that the economic impact of this regulation (which includes the fiscal impact) is:  
(Agency/Department)

- Below \$10 million  
 Between \$10 and \$25 million  
 Between \$25 and \$50 million  
 Over \$50 million *[If the economic impact is over \$50 million, agencies are required to submit a Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment as specified in Government Code Section 11346.3(c)]*

3. Enter the total number of businesses impacted: 75,000 approx.

Describe the types of businesses (Include nonprofits): Growers, unions(non-profit), law firms

Enter the number or percentage of total businesses impacted that are small businesses: All

4. Enter the number of businesses that will be created: none eliminated: None

Explain: This regulatory action will not create or eliminate any businesses

5. Indicate the geographic extent of impacts:  Statewide  
 Local or regional (List areas): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Enter the number of jobs created: None and eliminated: None

Describe the types of jobs or occupations impacted: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Will the regulation affect the ability of California businesses to compete with other states by making it more costly to produce goods or services here?  YES  NO

If YES, explain briefly: The regulations provide technical clarification for certain types of legal filings.

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**B. ESTIMATED COSTS** *Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking record.*

- 1. What are the total statewide dollar costs that businesses and individuals may incur to comply with this regulation over its lifetime? \$ 0
  - a. Initial costs for a small business: \$ 0 Annual ongoing costs: \$ 0 Years: N/A
  - b. Initial costs for a typical business: \$ 0 Annual ongoing costs: \$ 0 Years: N/A
  - c. Initial costs for an individual: \$ 0 Annual ongoing costs: \$ 0 Years: N/A
  - d. Describe other economic costs that may occur: None.

2. If multiple industries are impacted, enter the share of total costs for each industry: N/A

3. If the regulation imposes reporting requirements, enter the annual costs a typical business may incur to comply with these requirements. *Include the dollar costs to do programming, record keeping, reporting, and other paperwork, whether or not the paperwork must be submitted.* \$ N/A

- 4. Will this regulation directly impact housing costs?  YES  NO  
If YES, enter the annual dollar cost per housing unit: \$ 0  
Number of units: 0

5. Are there comparable Federal regulations?  YES  NO

Explain the need for State regulation given the existence or absence of Federal regulations: The regulations clarify the relationship between elections and mirror ULPs to ensure the timely resolution of the charges.

Enter any additional costs to businesses and/or individuals that may be due to State - Federal differences: \$ None

**C. ESTIMATED BENEFITS** *Estimation of the dollar value of benefits is not specifically required by rulemaking law, but encouraged.*

1. Briefly summarize the benefits of the regulation, which may include among others, the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety and the State's environment: The consolidation of cases enables a more efficient resolution of election objectives and certain ULP cases. Employers, unions, and individuals involved in cases before the ALRB could see potential savings of \$4,800 per consolidated charge.

2. Are the benefits the result of:  specific statutory requirements, or  goals developed by the agency based on broad statutory authority?

Explain: SB 126 (Statutes of 2011) amends LC§1156.3 to institute a mandatory timeline for certain types of election cases.

3. What are the total statewide benefits from this regulation over its lifetime? \$ Unknown

4. Briefly describe any expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California that would result from this regulation: None.

**D. ALTERNATIVES TO THE REGULATION** *Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking record. Estimation of the dollar value of benefits is not specifically required by rulemaking law, but encouraged.*

1. List alternatives considered and describe them below. If no alternatives were considered, explain why not: The alternative to the regulations was to retain the current process, which could prevent the ALRB from meeting the required timeline or lead to separate litigation and inconsistent decisions for the same case.

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2. Summarize the total statewide costs and benefits from this regulation and each alternative considered:

Regulation: Benefit: \$ 0 Cost: \$ 0

Alternative 1: Benefit: \$ 0 Cost: \$ 4,800/hearing d

Alternative 2: Benefit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Briefly discuss any quantification issues that are relevant to a comparison of estimated costs and benefits for this regulation or alternatives: There is no known economic benefit to Alternative 1.

4. Rulemaking law requires agencies to consider performance standards as an alternative, if a regulation mandates the use of specific technologies or equipment, or prescribes specific actions or procedures. Were performance standards considered to lower compliance costs?  YES  NO

Explain: The regulations propose specific types of legal actions and legal determinations, and such, performance standards are not applicable.

**E. MAJOR REGULATIONS** *Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking record.*

***California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) boards, offices and departments are required to submit the following (per Health and Safety Code section 57005). Otherwise, skip to E4.***

1. Will the estimated costs of this regulation to California business enterprises exceed \$10 million?  YES  NO

*If YES, complete E2. and E3  
If NO, skip to E4*

2. Briefly describe each alternative, or combination of alternatives, for which a cost-effectiveness analysis was performed:

Alternative 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative 2: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional pages for other alternatives)*

3. For the regulation, and each alternative just described, enter the estimated total cost and overall cost-effectiveness ratio:

Regulation: Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost-effectiveness ratio: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative 1: Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost-effectiveness ratio: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative 2: Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost-effectiveness ratio: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Will the regulation subject to OAL review have an estimated economic impact to business enterprises and individuals located in or doing business in California exceeding \$50 million in any 12-month period between the date the major regulation is estimated to be filed with the Secretary of State through 12 months after the major regulation is estimated to be fully implemented?

YES  NO

*If YES, agencies are required to submit a Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA) as specified in Government Code Section 11346.3(c) and to include the SRIA in the Initial Statement of Reasons.*

5. Briefly describe the following:

The increase or decrease of investment in the State: \_\_\_\_\_ None

The incentive for innovation in products, materials or processes: \_\_\_\_\_ None

The benefits of the regulations, including, but not limited to, benefits to the health, safety, and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment and quality of life, among any other benefits identified by the agency: The ALRB will comply with the intent of the statute, and avoid duplicative hearings and the associated administrative costs.

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**A. FISCAL EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT** *Indicate appropriate boxes 1 through 6 and attach calculations and assumptions of fiscal impact for the current year and two subsequent Fiscal Years.*

1. Additional expenditures in the current State Fiscal Year which are reimbursable by the State. (Approximate)  
(Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Sections 17500 et seq. of the Government Code).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

a. Funding provided in \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget Act of \_\_\_\_\_ or Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Statutes of \_\_\_\_\_

b. Funding will be requested in the Governor's Budget Act of \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Year: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Additional expenditures in the current State Fiscal Year which are NOT reimbursable by the State. (Approximate)  
(Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Sections 17500 et seq. of the Government Code).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Check reason(s) this regulation is not reimbursable and provide the appropriate information:*

a. Implements the Federal mandate contained in \_\_\_\_\_

b. Implements the court mandate set forth by the \_\_\_\_\_ Court.  
Case of: \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Implements a mandate of the people of this State expressed in their approval of Proposition No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Election: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Issued only in response to a specific request from affected local entity(s).  
Local entity(s) affected: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Will be fully financed from the fees, revenue, etc. from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized by Section: \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Code;

f. Provides for savings to each affected unit of local government which will, at a minimum, offset any additional costs to each;

g. Creates, eliminates, or changes the penalty for a new crime or infraction contained in \_\_\_\_\_

3. Annual Savings. (approximate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. No additional costs or savings. This regulation makes only technical, non-substantive or clarifying changes to current law regulations.

5. No fiscal impact exists. This regulation does not affect any local entity or program.

6. Other. Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**B. FISCAL EFFECT ON STATE GOVERNMENT** *Indicate appropriate boxes 1 through 4 and attach calculations and assumptions of fiscal impact for the current year and two subsequent Fiscal Years.*

1. Additional expenditures in the current State Fiscal Year. (Approximate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*It is anticipated that State agencies will:*

a. Absorb these additional costs within their existing budgets and resources.

b. Increase the currently authorized budget level for the \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year

2. Savings in the current State Fiscal Year. (Approximate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. No fiscal impact exists. This regulation does not affect any State agency or program.

4. Other. Explain Does not result in additional costs for ALRB. The General Counsel will prioritize workload related to expediting investigation of mirror unfair labor practices (ULPs).

**C. FISCAL EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDING OF STATE PROGRAMS** *Indicate appropriate boxes 1 through 4 and attach calculations and assumptions of fiscal impact for the current year and two subsequent Fiscal Years.*

1. Additional expenditures in the current State Fiscal Year. (Approximate)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Savings in the current State Fiscal Year. (Approximate)

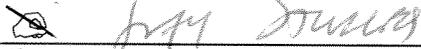
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3. No fiscal impact exists. This regulation does not affect any federally funded State agency or program.

4. Other. Explain \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE



3/23/16

*The signature attests that the agency has completed the STD. 399 according to the instructions in SAM sections 6601-6616, and understands the impacts of the proposed rulemaking. State boards, offices, or departments not under an Agency Secretary must have the form signed by the highest ranking official in the organization.*

AGENCY SECRETARY

DATE

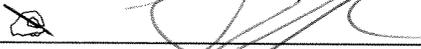


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*Finance approval and signature is required when SAM sections 6601-6616 require completion of Fiscal Impact Statement in the STD. 399.*

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PROGRAM BUDGET MANAGER

DATE



12/29/16

Consolidation

Fiscal Impact Statement

- A. 4. While cost-savings are minor, they are notable. The past four years resulted in twenty-five unfair labor practice charges being consolidated with objections. Consolidating hearings may result in savings of \$3,005 per hearing for ALRB. Avoiding a second hearing prevents recurring costs and expenditures such as: a hearing room at a minimum of \$50 per day, average interpreter costs of \$955 per day, and average daily court reporter costs of \$2,000.