

## AAR Updated Special District Recommendations

The Committee may wish to consider the following actions to inform future policy-making decisions:

1. Request that the Legislative Analyst make recommendations to the Committee on:
  - a. The need for special district reorganization,
  - b. Recommendations to the Committee for approaches to reorganization, including the creation of incentives and increased local flexibility,
  - c. The extent to which special districts are transparent and accountable to the public when compared to general purpose local governments, **or** the extent to which special districts comply with applicable laws, and
  - d. The extent—if any—to which the dependent or independent structure of a special district is related to better or worse transparency and accountability.
2. Request that Legislative Counsel report to the Committee regarding:
  - a. The agency or agencies responsible in the event that a special district cannot meet its financial obligations; and
  - b. Any existing oversight mechanism(s) that monitor the extent to which special districts are at risk of failing to meet their financial obligations.