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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Susan Talamantes Eggman, Chair

AB 1052 (Travis Allen) – As Amended April 19, 2017

SUBJECT: The Financial Information System for California (FISCAL)

SUMMARY: Specifies requirements for FISCAL's public transparency web site. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Requires the transparency web site to be interactive, searchable, and regularly updated.
- 2) Requires the transparency web site to have specified features to view and sort information.
- 3) Specifies that the transparency web site include data to the extent that it is provided by state entities using the system.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes the FISCAL system, a single integrated, financial management system for the state.
- 2) Requires the system to include a state transparency component on its website that allows the public access to General Fund and federal fund expenditure data.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: FISCAL is a state information technology project that combines the state's accounting, budgeting, cash management, and procurement into a single financial management system. It began in 2005 and was formalized with a memorandum of understanding in 2007 signed by the State Controller, State Treasurer, Director of the Department of Finance, and Director of the Department of General Services. FISCAL was formally recognized as a new department in July 2016.

While existing law requires a FISCAL transparency component web site that allows the public to access General Fund and federal fund expenditures, it does not specify how this information should be presented.

This bill requires FISCAL's public transparency web site to be interactive, searchable and regularly updated. Additionally, it requires that the site lets users search and filter expenditures; aggregate data; create graphs and charts of data, and download information.

The FISCAL system is being implemented in a series of waves, in which various state entities "onboard" or begin using FISCAL. This bill specifies that the transparency website include data to the extent that it is provided by onboarded state entities.

According to the FISCAL department, the requirements specified in this bill are in line with what the department has been planning for its transparency web site. The department plans to launch the transparency web site in July 2019.

According to the author, this bill will increase transparency in state finances.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Chamber of Commerce
California Manufacturers and Technology Association
National Federation of Independent Business - California
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc.

Opposition

None on file

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