

Introduced by Senator Wyland

December 1, 2008

An act to add Section 8543.9 to the Government Code, relating to the State Auditor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 9, as introduced, Wyland. State Auditor: duties.

Under existing law, the Bureau of State Audits has statutory audit and evaluation duties.

This bill would require the State Auditor, on or before January 1, 2010, and every 2 years thereafter, to conduct a performance evaluation of every state government program and expenditure, and submit a report of the results of that evaluation to the Legislature. This bill would also require the State Auditor to make the report easily available to the public, and the Legislature to appropriate funds to the State Auditor sufficient to fulfill these duties.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8543.9 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 8543.9. (a) On or before January 1, 2010, and every two years
- 4 thereafter, the State Auditor shall conduct a performance evaluation
- 5 of every state government program and expenditure, and submit
- 6 a report of the results of that performance evaluation to the
- 7 Legislature.

1 (b) A performance evaluation, for purposes of this section, shall
2 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

3 (1) A description of the funding, including all sources, used to
4 fund the program or expenditure.

5 (2) A statement of the purpose of the program or expenditure,
6 including the goals of the program or expenditure and the
7 Legislature's intent at the time the program or expenditure was
8 created.

9 (3) A discussion of the history of the program or expenditure,
10 including significant changes to the program or expenditure.

11 (4) An evaluation of the success of the program or expenditure,
12 including an explanation of the methodology used to evaluate
13 success.

14 (5) Recommendations on how the program or expenditure can
15 be more efficient and effective, or if the program or expenditure
16 should be eliminated.

17 (6) Any other information or evaluation the State Auditor deems
18 appropriate.

19 (c) The State Auditor shall make the report prepared pursuant
20 to subdivision (a) easily available to the public.

21 (d) The Legislature shall appropriate funds to the State Auditor
22 sufficient to fulfill the duties of this section.