

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2156**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 56378 of, and to add Section 56047.7 to, the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2156, as introduced, Achadjian. Local agency formation commissions: studies.

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, sets forth the powers and duties of a local agency formation commission, including, among others, the requirement to conduct studies of existing governmental agencies that include, but are not limited to, inventorying those agencies and determining their maximum service area and service capacities. The commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans of cities, counties, districts, including school districts, community college districts, and regional agencies and state agencies and departments, in connection with conducting the required studies, and the governmental agencies are required to comply with the commission's request.

This bill would include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities among the entities from which the commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans, for purposes of conducting the studies described above. The bill would specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 56047.7 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 56047.7. “Joint powers agency” or “joint powers authority”  
4 means an agency or entity formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise  
5 of Powers Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of  
6 Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1) that is formed for the local  
7 performance of governmental functions that includes the provision  
8 of municipal services.

9 SEC. 2. Section 56378 of the Government Code is amended  
10 to read:

11 56378. (a) In addition to its other powers, the commission  
12 shall initiate and make studies of existing governmental agencies.  
13 Those studies shall include, but shall not be limited to, inventorying  
14 those agencies and determining their maximum service area and  
15 service capacities. In conducting those studies, the commission  
16 may ~~ask for~~ *request* land use information, studies, and plans of  
17 cities, counties, districts, including school districts, community  
18 college districts, ~~and joint powers agencies and joint powers~~  
19 *authorities*, regional agencies and state agencies and departments.  
20 Cities, counties, districts, including school districts, community  
21 college districts, *joint powers agencies and joint powers*  
22 *authorities*, regional agencies, and state agencies and departments,  
23 shall comply with the request of the commission for that  
24 information and the commission shall make its studies available  
25 to public agencies and any interested person. In making these  
26 studies, the commission may cooperate with the county planning  
27 commissions.

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29 (b) *The* commission, or the board of supervisors on behalf of  
30 the commission, may apply for or accept, or both, any financial  
31 assistance and grants-in-aid from public or private agencies or  
32 from the state or federal government or from a local government.

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