

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 24, 2013

SENATE BILL

No. 176

Introduced by Senator Galgiani
(Coauthors: Senators Cannella and Correa)

February 6, 2013

An act to add ~~Section~~ *Sections 11346.46 and 11346.47* to the Government Code, relating to administrative procedures.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 176, as amended, Galgiani. Administrative procedures.

Existing law governs the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law, including procedures relating to increased public participation in the adoption, amendment, and repeal of these regulations.

This bill would, in order to increase public participation and improve the quality of regulations, require state agencies, boards, and commissions to ~~publish~~ *submit* a notice prior to any meeting date or report, provided the meeting or report is seeking public input, as described. *The bill would additionally require state agencies, boards, and commissions to submit specified notices to the Office of Administrative Law, for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register.*

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 11346.46 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 11346.46. (a) In order to increase public participation in the
4 regulation development process and improve the quality of
5 regulations, state agencies, boards, and commissions shall ~~publish~~
6 *submit* a notice in the California Regulatory Notice Register, as
7 ~~prepared by the Office of Administrative Law, Register. The notice~~
8 *shall appear in the California Regulatory Notice Register* at least
9 15 days prior to any meeting date or report, provided the meeting
10 or report is seeking public input.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, meetings and reports seeking
12 public input include, but are not limited to, the following *formal,*
13 *official, or organized:*

14 (1) Informational hearings.

15 (2) Workshops.

16 (3) Scoping hearings.

17 (4) Preliminary meetings.

18 (5) Public and stakeholder outreach meetings.

19 ~~(6) Fifteen-day comment period notices.~~

20 ~~(7) The posting of Internet Web site links to informational and~~
21 ~~state reports prepared for public review and comment.~~

22 SEC. 2. Section 11346.47 is added to the Government Code,
23 to read:

24 11346.47. *State agencies, boards, and commissions shall submit*
25 *a notice to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the*
26 *California Regulatory Notice Register, upon issuance or*
27 *publication of the following:*

28 (a) *Any notice required by either subdivision (c) of Section*
29 *11346.8, commonly known as 15-day comment period notice, or*
30 *subdivision (b) of Section 11347.1.*

31 (b) *Any Internet Web site link to informational reports prepared*
32 *for public review that have been posted on the agency, board, or*
33 *commission Internet Web site in connection with proposed*
34 *regulations.*

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