LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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Report on LAFCO Related Legislation

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

Receive this report and direct staff to monitor legislation relevant to LAFCO and report on future agendas. No specific recommendations are presented at this time.

DISCUSSION

Local Government Omnibus Bills

Each year the Assembly Local Government Committee and the Senate Governance & Finance Committee sponsor omnibus bills that are intended to enact minor but necessary local government-related legislative changes. Many of these changes are proposed by LAFCOs. We will report on these bills as they are compiled.

Out-of-Agency Service Agreements (Assembly Bill 402)

Assembly member Bill Dodd has introduced a bill to expand the authority of LAFCO to allow cities and districts to provide services outside their jurisdictional boundaries.

Under existing law, LAFCO may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its boundaries and, under certain circumstances, also outside its sphere of influence.

This bill would expand this authority to authorize a city or district to provide services outside its boundaries to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties if the Commission can make specific determinations.

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Vehicle License Fee Adjustments (Senate Bill 25

State Senator Richard Roth has introduced this bill to modify the law that requires the County Auditor, each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and this practice involves motor vehicle license fee revenue.

The bill is meant to make it easier to incorporate new cities by modifying how such revenues are allocated to new municipalities during their first several years of existence.

Similar legislation in past years has been vetoed by the Governor.

California Public Records Act (Senate bill 272).

State Senator Bob Hertzberg has introduced a bill to require each local agency (and this may include LAFCO) in implementing the California Public Records Act, to prepare an inventory that discloses what data is gathered and maintained by the agency, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public.

We will continue to monitor legislation that concerns LAFCOs and bring items of interest to the Commission for its consideration.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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