

Assembly Bill No. 2283

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of
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Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Sections 7550 and 11370.5 of, and to add Section 7550.1 to, the Government Code, relating to public agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2283, La Suer. Written reports: cost.

(1) Existing law requires that any document or written report prepared for or under the direction of a state or local agency that is prepared in whole or in part under a contract or a subcontract by nonemployees of the agency contain, where the work performed by the nonemployees exceeds \$5,000, the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of the document or written report. Existing law also provides that when multiple documents or written reports are the subject or product of the contract, this disclosure section may also contain a statement that indicates that the total contract amount represents compensation for the multiple documents or written reports.

This bill would require, rather than permit, the disclosure of the total cost for multiple documents or written reports.

(2) Existing law requires various reports to be prepared by state and local agencies.

This bill would also require a state or local agency to consider cost reduction options in preparing any written report.

(3) Existing law authorizes and directs the Department of General Services to study the subject of administrative adjudication and to report its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature at the commencement of each general session.

This bill would delete the requirement that the department make its report at the commencement of each general session.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7550 of the Government Code is amended to read:

7550. (a) Any document or written report prepared for or under the direction of a state or local agency, that is prepared in



whole or in part by nonemployees of the agency, shall contain the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of the document or written report; if the total cost for the work performed by nonemployees of the agency exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The contract and subcontract numbers and dollar amounts shall be contained in a separate section of the document or written report.

(b) When multiple documents or written reports are the subject or product of the contract, the disclosure section may also contain a statement indicating that the total contract amount represents compensation for multiple documents or written reports.

SEC. 2. Section 7550.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

7550.1. In an effort to reduce the cost of preparing state reports, a state agency shall, when preparing a report, consider cost reduction options, including, but not limited to, using unnecessary and expensive color graphics, color photographs, bindings, and paper.

SEC. 3. Section 11370.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

11370.5. (a) The office is authorized and directed to study the subject of administrative adjudication in all its aspects; to submit its suggestions to the various agencies in the interests of fairness, uniformity and the expedition of business; and to report its recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. All departments, agencies, officers, and employees of the state shall give the office ready access to their records and full information and reasonable assistance in any matter of research requiring recourse to them or to data within their knowledge or control. Nothing in this section authorizes an agency to provide access to records required by statute to be kept confidential.

(b) The office may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the functions and duties of the office under the Administrative Procedure Act. The regulations are subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340).



Approved _____, 2002

Governor

